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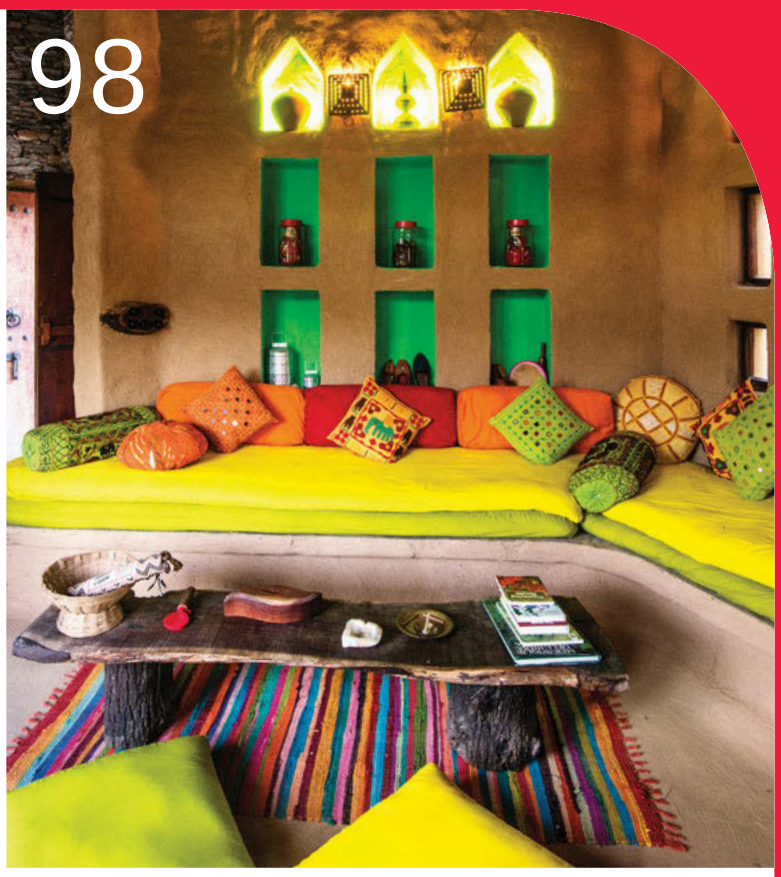

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Straight TALK

The winter sun is shining nice and bright, my balcony is full of blooms and I am beginning to enjoy the steaming hot cups of coffee. And as much as I love lazing around my home this time of the year, I find my social diary choc-a-bloc with invites – some brunches, others barbecue evenings, and a bunch of cocktail evenings.

Entertaining during this time of the year is at its peak. And we recognise the need for you to play the perfect hostess each time. That's why we have put together an extensive Party Guide guaranteed to take care of all your hosting needs – from what to shop for and where, what to serve and how to set up your place in style – it's all here.

And whether you are planning to entertain indoors, or planning to take the party outdoors, say it with flowers. Take inspiration from our story Flower Art to know how you can make the most of this season of blooms.

With the new season setting in, it's almost mandatory to get your home winter ready. And what is better than a splash of colour to perk up an otherwise grey season? No, don't stop at just the paint can, though we have that bit sorted for you too in our Colour Code story. Wallpapers are the hottest (and the easiest) way to jazz up an otherwise mundane space. Take cue from our story Wall Art to zero down on the one that appeals to you the most.

And if you are looking to escape the hustle bustle of city life during your Christmas break, the rustic Laxman Sagar Resort in Rajasthan is for you. I have my heart set on this one. And for all you know, I might just be waiting for my Santa Claus to arrive somewhere in faraway Rajasthan this time.

Wishing you the best of festive times ahead.

Merry Christmas!

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MY PICKS:

Good Earth continues to be my eternal favourite. This time it's the bar accessories.

The Elementto range of wallpapers are a unique blend of charm and sophistication.

INBOX

Letter of the Month

A FRESH START

Vibration, colorful, and alive, that's what the *TIHG* 8th Anniversary Issue meant to me. It made all the more sense as I have very recently shifted into my own place and was just wondering about doing it up when I came across your issue. I just loved Bhavna Bhatnagar's blog "An Indian Summer", since I love using warm colours in my home. I am going to start incorporating many of these shades into my new home. Also, Trend-in and Haute on the web in this month's edition were helpful. I am eagerly waiting for the Spring/Summer issue of TIHG.
Cheers to your team!
Neha, Bangalore

You've won this flower vase.
WO HOO!

NEWER AVENUES

The Anniversary issue had some great features, the compilation broke all the previous records in terms of beauty, content and presentation. The par-excellence features included A Blissful Bath, Meal Junction, Peace of Mind, and The Furnished Room. However, I would rate Designer Tales as the Feature of the Month as it made an unprecedented read. The feature impressed me most. We all relish many delicacies without knowing the hands who make it happen, and once you see them the taste gets doubled. These 8 Remarkable Designers opened the door of the Kitchen to allow us to have that feeling. Great read it was.
B AJIT, New Delhi

VALUE ADDITION

Your 8th Anniversary Special Issue contained an "Eye opener tool" as well amidst 'Cooking Tools', as till now I was under a self-satisfying presumption that my newly-modified kitchen is complete in all respects. However, you politely broke this misconception of mine and made my kitchen richer by educating with these new and useful Tools. Although they are inexpensive, they would help me to the priceless extent. Furthermore, A Blissful Bath and Shower Power will also be doing a great value addition to my washroom. I am going to have many things to flaunt in my next kitty party.
Anju Khetarpal, Ghaziabad

THE 8TH COLOUR

My heartiest congratulations on completing eight stupendous years in quality journalism. TIHG is one periodical which always serves factory fresh, farm fresh reading material. I called you the 8th Color of rainbow as I had never come across a better depiction & compilation of VIBGYOR like you did. And the 8th color to me is "Scintillating TIHG" which is capable of imbibing every color In It. Besides, you turned the Anniversary Issue into a Collector's Edition through your coverage on the Masters of the Trade – Designer Tales.
Padma Jagdish, New Delhi

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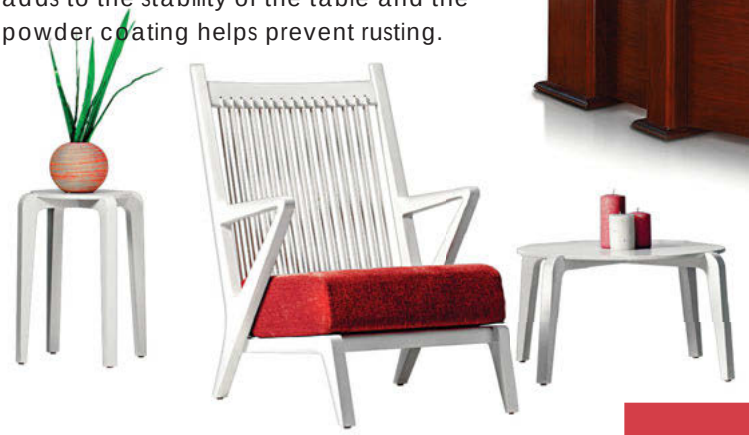

Festive Cheer

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Truly Majestic

India's leading premium furniture and modular kitchens retailer Grandeur, introduces a fresh collection of Italian beds, 'Letti 2014' by Pianca. Maintaining its signature minimalistic design approach, this latest collection redefines contemporary elegance. The beds in this collection are a subtle blend of aesthetics and comfort, and are manufactured using only the highest quality of raw materials, at Pianca's state-of-the-art facility in Italy.

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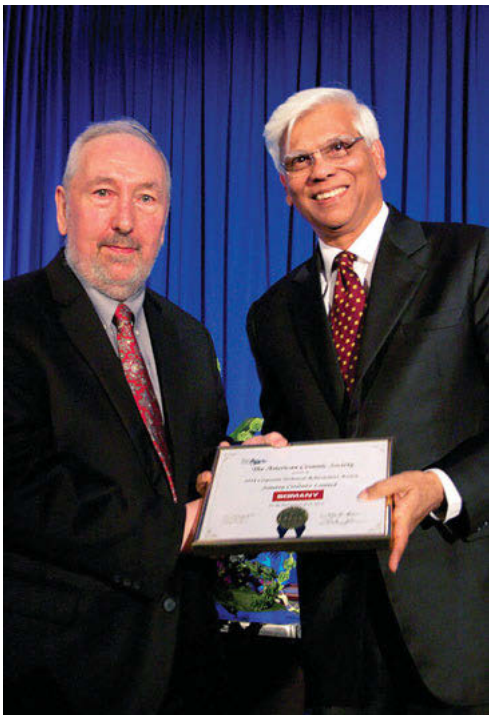

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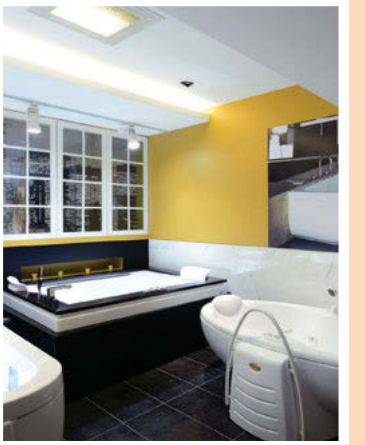

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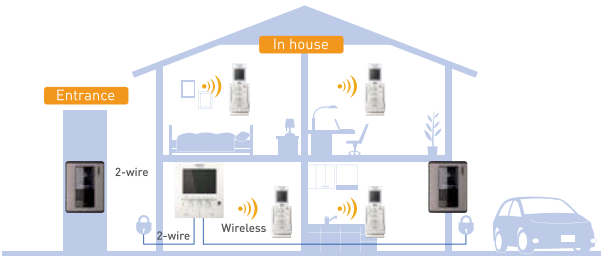

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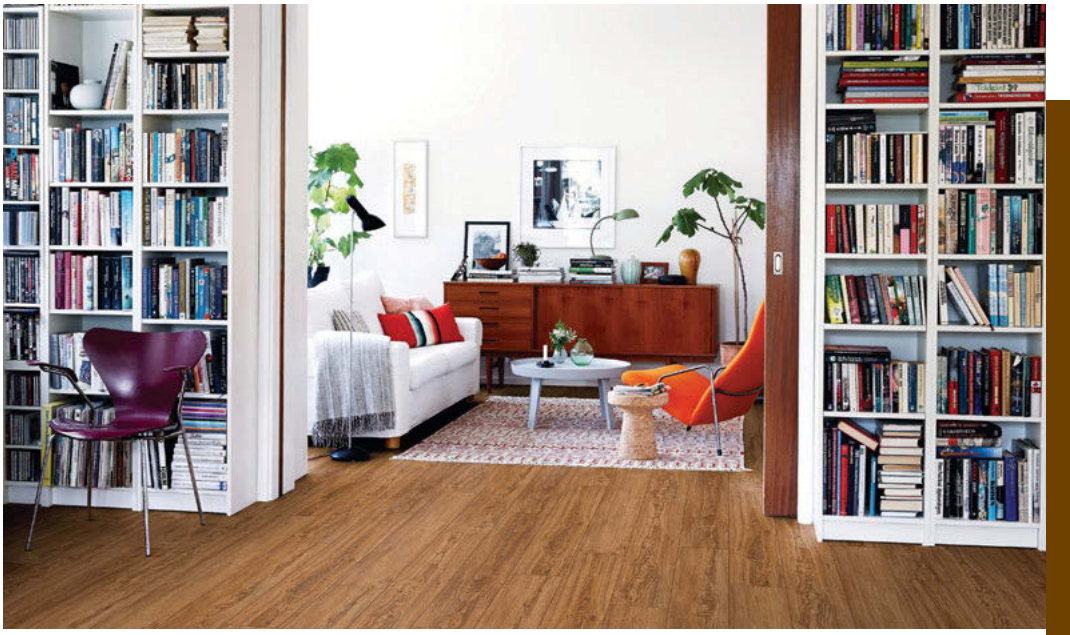

Perfect Steps

Pergo, the world's most preferred laminate flooring brand recently unveiled its latest vinyl flooring collection. The brand has always aimed at providing the best flooring solution to its customers for both living and commercial areas. The latest vinyl flooring is the perfect combination of beautiful design and performance to revamp a place.

Mesmerising Shades

Elementto introduces it latest collection for 2015 - a paradise of charm and sophistication. The collection comprises classy wallpaper designs, and includes smaller complementary patterns to coordinate with the large scale designs, creating a contemporary collection. Ranging from floral to geometric prints, with the look of silk and other natural materials, there is a style that suits every interior, be it modern or traditional.

Relax in Style

The new Villeroy & Boch outdoor whirlpool Just Silence features a minimalist European design that focuses on cubist shapes and a bi-coloured concept. The tubs have a multitude of individual massage functions for a relaxation experience that caters to your own personal needs. Just Silence is a flexible wellness solution with a clear design statement.

Raise The Bar

Cheeky and stylish, the wall shelved bar from IDUS flaunts the shape of a liquid drop. It features a middle shelf in stainless steel for glasses and bottles, and an integrated wine rack accommodating upto 15 standard sized wine bottles.

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Recreational Cooking

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Premium Stone

Häfele India recently announced its partnership with Caesarstone, a pioneer in the development of quartz surfaces and the world's premium quartz manufacturer. Caesarstone quartz surfaces are made of 93 per cent natural quartz; making Caesarstone strong, non-porous, low maintenance as well as impact-, stain-, heat- and scratch-resistant. Balakrishnan Pillai, Manager, Caesarstone, Häfele India, adds, "Our vision is to not only introduce Indian customers to the high quality brand but also give them a truly international brand experience. Caesarstone quartz surfaces fall under the super premium category owing to its exclusivity and numerous benefits over other natural and composite surfaces."

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Cooking Bonanza

On the occasion of the International Chef's Day, Best Foods in association with the Indian Culinary Forum (ICF) hosted the 11th Annual Chef Awards 2014 at The Ashok, New Delhi. The award ceremony was graced by the chief guest Dr Lalit K Panwar, Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Amitabh Kant, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion and heavyweights of the hospitality fraternity. The competition is aimed at bringing Indian chefs at par with their counter parts in the developed Western world and making them eligible to be a part of culinary competitions worldwide.

Smart Kitchens

The New Zealand-based innovators, Fisher & Paykel launched an exclusive showroom at the Audio Voice store at Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. The brand is renowned for its award winning technology, and offers a complete range of built-in kitchen appliances including ovens, hoods, hobs, dishwashers, coffee maker, refrigerators, washers and dryers.

TREND - IN!

Add a fresh unique look to your home with handcrafted statement chairs from Beyond Designs. Polished to attain that sparkling finish, these chairs are available in hues of pearly white, grey, orange, and black.

Spanish Luxury brand, PIEL S.A. Launches spectacular luxury blankets for Indian consumer. The brand re-creates a sumptuous lifestyle, bringing a fresh approach to each new design with a mix of classic and contemporary ideas to form their various collections.

Swarovski introduces 'The Crystal Living Masterpieces 2014' Collection in India.The collection comprise the Crystal Myriad collection with the 'magnificent Phoenix' and 'The Black Stallion', along with an exclusive and benevolent addition; 'The Buddha'.

Cool Action Gel infused visco pillows from Serta provide right support and comfort to the head and the neck. The unique visco elastic gel conforms to the shape of the head and thus provides unparalleled comfort and support.

With the expertise to provide complete carpeting solutions for your home, office, hotel,conference, banquet hall, Qaaleen, owned by JV Group has opened a store in the capital recently. It also offers the choice of designing your own unique carpet by selecting your own design.

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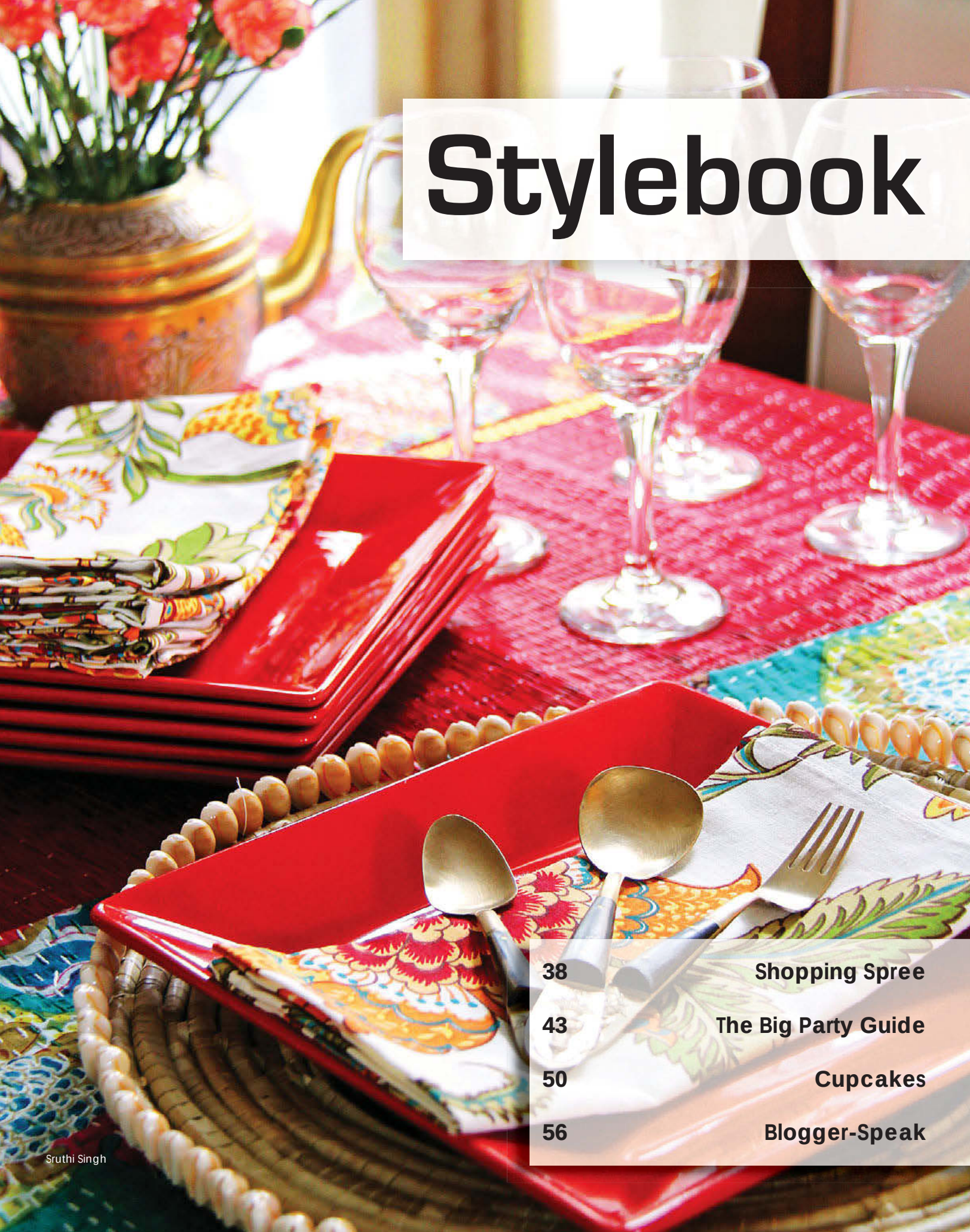

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Must-Have Winter Wonders

Ring in the festivities this Christmas with furnishings in the classic red and white combine. The richness of red blends in beautifully with the sophistication of white to create a space that is warm and inviting.

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Impressions: Riddhima seal

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Nothing perks up a setting better than floral accents. Light a few candles and witness the delicately painted tableware burst into full bloom.

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Smart Study

Fab Home Arezzo Study Table Honey, ₹11,999, fabfurnish.com

If writing late into the night is your thing, you will love this private study nook with storage.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh

Christmas CHEER

Bring home the season's latest offerings — from the quirky to the sophisticated, we have it all sorted.

Impressions: Adrian Remedios

Grandeur

Overhead Lamp, price on request, **Visionnaire**

Ceiling Lamp, price on request, The Great Eastern Home

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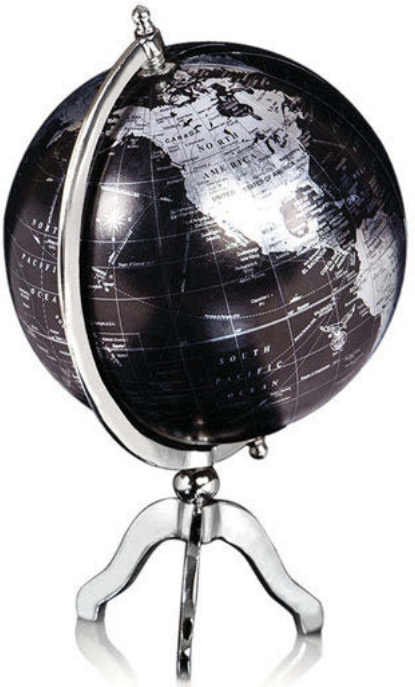

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The Big Party Guide

Throw a spirited soirée this season with our exhaustive shopping guide, decor ideas, midnight bites and more.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh & Riddhima Seal

TEA TIME

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1. Bird range cup and saucer set, ₹2,035, Arttd'inox
2. Blueberry cups and saucer, ₹1,265, Arttd'inox
3. Cup and saucer, price on request, Andyy Home
4. Cup and Saucer, ₹600, The Home of the Traveler
5. Tea set, price on request, Good Earth
6. Noir tea set, price on request, Address Home
7. Bird range pot, ₹4,675, Arttd'inox

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1. Taj Collection, price on request, Address Home
2. Blue and White Collection, price on request, Address Home
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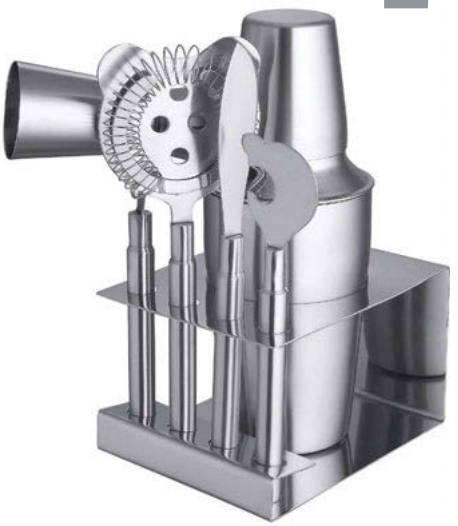

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5. Wine Holder, price on request, Tranceforme
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1.Serveware, ₹5,965, ₹5,250 and ₹6,250 respectively, The Home of the Traveler
2. Safari Napkin Ring, ₹2,100 (set of two), Address Home
3.Platter and bowls, ₹2,000, HouseProud
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SWEET TOOTH

1.Cakes and cookies stand, price on request, Good Earth
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3.Blueberry cookie server, ₹1,265, Arttd'inox
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5.Redoute Meadow tea set, price on request, Andyy Home
6. Cake Platter, ₹38,500, Frazer & Haws

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1.Red Amaryllis Glam, price on request, Inv Homes
2.Candle stand, ₹24,750 (for gold leafing), The Big Door
3.Brass table lamp, ₹11,250, The Big Door
4.Crystal Vase, price on request, The Big Door
5. Lanter Qaiersmall Amber Gla, ₹790, Address Home
6. Embossed Gold Candle, ₹390, Address Home
7. Butterfly Votive Gold, ₹490, Address Home
8. Classic Three Arms Candlebra, ₹1,490, Address Home
9.Decorative platter and tealite holder, ₹1,695 and ₹795 respectively, Elvy

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Cupcakes are a great way to add that dollop of colour to your dessert platter.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh

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Bright, colourful and deliciously edible, cupcakes are enjoying their time in the limelight. Bring them home this Christmas in a variety of shapes and sizes for that additional element of sparkle - and - fun.

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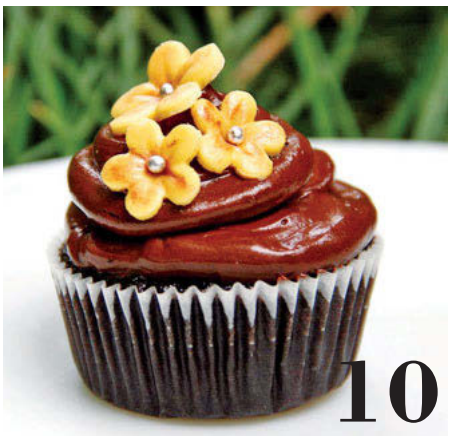

Fruity **Delight**

Reinventing the bouquet, Reza Kazerooni and Sufiyan Siddiqui come together to bring you a concept that can make for innovative gifting this Christmas with their project — fruitilicious.

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Little Bites

If there's a party, there must be food. To make it simpler, we got top chefs across the country to share some of their all-time party favourite recipes with you. Go on, cook up a storm.

Impression: Riddhima Seal

GARLIC / SUN DRIED TOMATO HUMMUS

Recipe Courtesy: mm! Maroosh

YOU NEED

500 gm chick peas
Handful of garlic
5 Tbsp olive oil
3 Tbsp sundried tomato paste (for sun dried tomato hummus)
1 Tbsp Tahini
2 tsp fresh lemon juice
Salt to taste
3 Tbsp curd

METHOD

- Soak the chick peas overnight.
- Now add a hand full of garlic, about 5 Tbsp olive oil, 1 Tbsp Tahini (hulled sesame seeds paste). Add just abt 2 tsp fresh lemon juice, 3 Tbsp curd and salt to taste. Blend all this to a thick paste.
- Sprinkle some burnt garlic before serving. Serve with Pita bread.

MEWA MAWA PANEER JALEBI

Recipe Courtesy: Chef Rajib Mazumder, Executive Sous Chef, Grand Hyatt Goa

YOU NEED

2 ltr milk
2 Lime for lemon juice
2 tsp milk
1 tsp maida
100 gm dry fruits (chopped finely)
50 gm mawa
1 tsp baking powder
1/ 2 tsp cardamom powder
3-4 cardamom (crushed)
Saffron few strands
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
1 ltr oil (deep frying)
For the garnish:
Chopped almonds (badam) few no Saffron (kesar) a few strands

METHOD

- For the saffron water, dry roast the saffron strands in a small pan for 10 seconds. Add 10 Tbsp of milk and keep aside.
- Boil the milk then add lemon juice to make fresh chana (hoe made cottage cheese). When the water separates, turn off the flame. Strain and squeeze out the excess water. Rest it for 10 minutes.
- In another heavy bottom pan, dissolve the sugar in the water and heat till the bubble starts to remove scum. Add the crushed cardamom, saffron water stirring continuously. The syrup should be very thick and sticky.
- Knead the chana or cottage cheese with cardamom powder, milk, maida, mawa baking powder for at least 10-15 minutes till it become smooth mix dry fruits in the dough. Pinch a small ball of chana and roll into smooth ball. Roll it into a snack like shape twist to end of the roll.
- In a pan heat oil to medium flame. Slowly put the paneer jalebies in the oil and fry till golden brown.
- Dunk the paneer jalebies immediately in the warm syrup. Cover and let it stand for some time .
- Serve the paneer jalebies hot or room temperature.

BEETROOT KI TIKKI

Recipe Courtesy: Zorawar Kalra, Founder & Managing Director, Massive Restaurants Pvt Ltd.

YOU NEED

600 gm Beetroot
300 gm Carrot
120 gm Potatoes (mashed)
4 Green Chilly (deseed & finely chop)
1/2" piece Ginger
1gm Shahi Zeera
2 gm Black Pepper (Crushed)
1 Tbsp Corn Flour
1 Tbsp Tempura
75 gm Breadcrumbs
1/4 tsp Chotti Elaichi / Green Cardamom Powder
1/8 tsp Javitri / Mace Powder
1/4 tsp Cinnamon Powder
2 Tbsp Cooking Oil
2 Tbsp Butter
Salt to taste
Mesculum (shredded assorted salad leaves)
Micro greens (moong cress)

For the Mango Coulis:

120 gm ripe Mango Pulp
45 gm Mayonnaise
2 tsp Olive Oil
Juice of 1 Lemon

For the Filling:

75 gm yoghurt cheese / hung curd
8 Cashew nuts (chopped)
12 Raisins (chopped)
2 Green Chillies (deseed and finely chopped)
1/2" piece Ginger (finely chopped)
1 Tbs Mint (finely chopped)

METHOD

For the Mixture:

- Heat oil and butter in a frying pan, add shahi zeera, add the ginger and green chilies, black pepper and stir. Then add the grated beetroot and carrot, bhunno/stir-fry (approx 4-6 minutes).
- Then add potatoes and salt, bhunno/stir-fry until cooked (approx 7-8 minutes) until the moisture has completely evaporated.
- Now add the remaining ingredients, except corn flour and tempura, stir, remove, adjust the seasoning and cool.
- Mix well and divide into 16 equal portions and make balls.
- Put tempura and corn flour in a bowl, add 140 ml / 1⁄2 cup water and mix well. Take cheesy yoghurt in a bowl; add cashew nuts, raisins, green chillies, ginger and mint.

For the Patties:

- Flatten each ball between the palms to make round patties, place a portion of the filling in the middle of each, seal, make balls again and carefully (ensuring that the filling does not ooze out) flatten into 1/2" thick patties. Refrigerate for 15 minutes.
- Remove the patties from the refrigerator, dip in tempura and corn flour batter, roll in breadcrumbs and keep aside.
- Put mango pulp in a blender and pulse to make a puree.
- Remove and pass puree through a fine mesh sieve. Add other ingredients and mix well.

BEETROOT CREPE

Recipe Courtesy: Chef Kshama Prabhu, Executive Chef, The White Owl

YOU NEED

Beetroot 1 no
100 gm Maida
Salt to taste
Crushed black pepper to taste
2 eggs
2 tsp chopped parsley
1 ½ cup milk
1 cup cream
1 cup grilled vegetables
2 Tbsp Parmesan cheese

METHOD

- Roast the beetroot and puree it.
- For the batter, mix maida, salt and pepper. Whisk in the egg with milk and beetroot puree. Gradually whisk in the mixture with maida. Adjust seasoning and finish off by adding parsley. For filling, grill vegetables like cauliflower, zucchini, carrots, onions, etc.
- Adjust seasoning.
- For the sauce, in a pan, sautee some garlic, paprika and add fresh cream.
- Warm and adjust seasoning.
- Stuff the crepes with the filling and parmesan cheese. Warm on a non stick pan and plate.
- Pour some sauce over the crepes and garnish with fresh parsley.

WINTER *Soirée*

Shruti Singh of the The East Coast Desi blog lists ways to host the perfect house party this season.

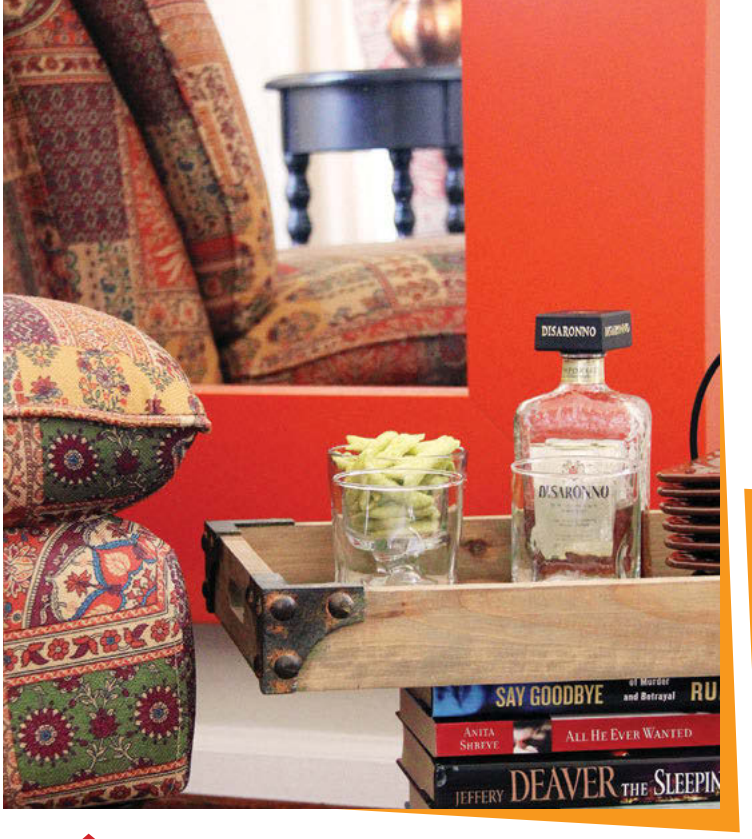
Images: Sruthi Singh

Sruthi Singh

Temperatures have been plummeting and we are taking the year end celebration indoors. A successful soirée not only calls for great company, scrumptious food and flowing conversation and wine but also the perfect party décor. With a little thought and planning, holiday hosting can be stress free with you being in control and playing the "ideal hostess". Here is my list of must have party décor, tips and tricks.

MOOD LIGHT: If you've got the ambience right, you've won half the battle. I'm convinced that my home looks its best when bathed in the soft forgiving glow of candles. Diffused light can raise the emotional temperatures in a room and is the perfect antidote to shake off those winter chills. My absolute favourite this season are these exquisite candle holders from Purple Turtles (http://thepurpleturtles.com/).

MAKE ROOM FOR MORE: Comfort is key while entertaining, so make sure you provide plentiful seating and perching options for your guests. A simple solution to this dilemma is to scatter floor cushions and foot stools so that guests can grab one and unwind in casual comfort. India Circus (http://indiacircus.com/world/) cushion covers in creative colour combos with distinct Indian oriented motifs jazz up my living room and add the perfect finishing touch for a cheerful party ambience.



TRAY POWER: I just love the portable character of trays. They are the perfect alternative to a bar or table top. Style a sculptural pedestal with your favorite books and top it off with a tray and you have yourself an instant side table or mini bar! And if you are feeling crafty and are in the mood to experiment, make your own with supplies from Craftslane (http://craftslane.com/newProducts.php)

PARTY FAVORS: Don't sweat over party favors. Floral arrangements put together for the party double as favors. At the end of the party, place a Chalkboard sign marked "Please Help Yourself", a few waterproof candy bags and colour coordinated ribbons to cinch bags closed. This will leave the guests feeling special and making you the Queen of entertaining for going that extra mile.

COASTER INDULGENCE: Using coasters not only makes things look elegant and fancy but also keeps the horrendous water rings on furniture at bay. So make sure you dig into your cache and round up all the coasters you've got on hand and place them within the guests arm's reach so that your furniture is safe. If you're looking for something unique to serve as coasters, consider switching Jaipur blue pottery tiles for regular coasters or shop the Orissa pink stone coasters from Collective Craft (https://www.facebook.com/CollectiveCraft).

TEXTURAL DIALOGUE: Whether you are serving things up the family-style or are planning on a formal sit down dinner, use your dining table to showcase your personal style. Don't be afraid to use an idiosyncratic mix of colors, textures and patterns to give the space some depth, dimension and personality. I always like to add a desi touch to my décor and believe in mixing and using what I have on hand. A combination of eco-friendly chattai style table runners, kantha style table mats and vintage brass Siam flatware (a flea market find) do the trick for me and make it special for my guests.

STOCK UP ON STALKS: Flowers are an indispensable element in decorating my home for a fete! They are a great way to bring in color and instantaneously perk up a space. Ditch the conventional vases and consider displaying your blooms in unconventional receptacles. "Found objects" from the kitchen cabinets such as vintage kettles and beer mugs, vinaigrette bottles, ceramic creamers, jugs, colored goblets and trifle bowls are a wonderful alternative to the conventional vase and are great conversation starters.

Gatherings and parties is all about spending time with your loved ones, creating memories and just having fun. I'm sure these party tips and tricks are going to keep you calm and help you party on!!!

Sruthi Singh is a finance consultant, décor enthusiast, design stylist, self-taught painter and small business owner at The Yellow Bamboo (retails via Etsy and specializes in handmade children's artwork). Follow her on **http://theeastcoastdesi.blogspot.com**

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WALL Art

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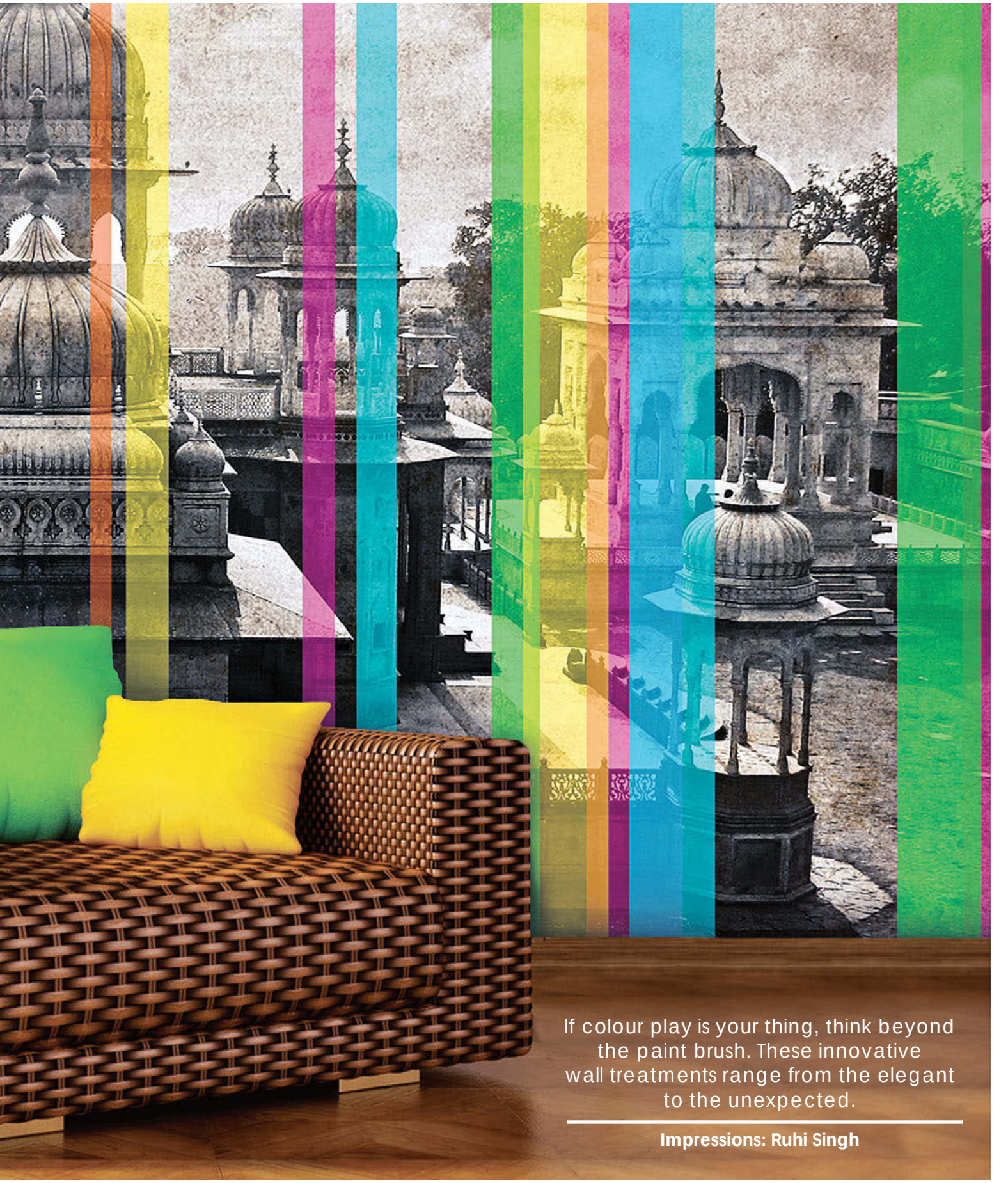

If colour play is your thing, think beyond the paint brush. These innovative wall treatments range from the elegant to the unexpected.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh

Bring the outside inside with this wallpaper. From the trees to the beautiful flowers, wall coverings can make a design statement.

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Go for a boastful motif and the subtlest of textures to add interest to a simple space.

Yolande Magenta from Clarke & Clarke, Starts from ₹700 per m, Maishaa

Pick a dark pattern for an eye catching result.

Wallpaper from Designers Guild, Starts from ₹6,000 per roll, F&F

Opt for an unconventional look that adds a quirky feel to the space.

Wallpaper, ₹120 - ₹3,000 per sq ft, Elementto

Add style and sophistication to your wall with pretty patterns and get the balance with clean-lined furniture.

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Complement your living room wall with a monochrome patterns to create a warm vibe.

Flower wallpaper, price on request, Elementto

Light and dark come together effortlessly to make for a chic living space.

Colour Code

Give your home a seasonal lift with these fresh coats of colour.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian

Kansai-Nerolac

Warm shades combined with neutrals will make for a serene bedroom space.

Kansai-Nerolac

Elementto

Opt for furniture in a deeper shade of the colour than your walls for a statement look.

Kansai-Nerolac

This classic red and white combine work beautifully to make a bold statement.

Elementto

Your upholstery can go a long way in determining how the colour on your walls stand out.

Dulux

This pale shade of yellow is best paired with simple no-fuss clean liness.

Shalimar Paints

Limited Edition

Ethnic takes on a whole new meaning with the vibrant and elegant use of the colourful traditional customs of Kerala.

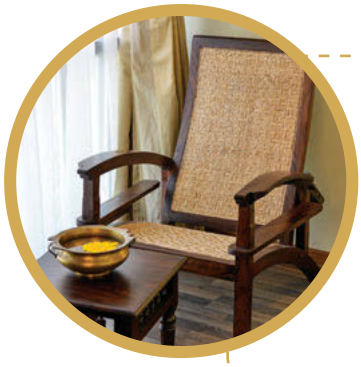
Impressions: Benoy Sebastian & Adrian Remedios
Images: Prachi Damle
Location: Hotel Shalimar, Kemps Corner, Mumbai
Interiors by: Architect JJ Poonawala

SUNFLOWERS

The fertile land of the Malabar is blessed with an abundance of celestial natural magnificence palm-fringed lagoons and pristine backwaters dotted with small boats called 'Thoni's". The wall above the bed has sunflowers placed in the minutely crafted and hand painted miniature thonis. It is way of conveying positive energy.

SLOPING ROOF & OIL RECEPTACLE

Kerala is the mecca of spice trade and an exuberant melting pot for the architectural styles from the orient to the occident. The Mangalore tiles made of clay form a sloping faux roof with an antique oil receptacle hanging from it adding mystical elegance to the cityscape room.



RATTAN CHAIR & URLI

The empyrean beauty of kerala has nutured rich artistry in its people that can be seen in the rattan handiwork on solid timber furniture and the bell metal urlis. A mélange of both these simple elements is and ode to native objet d'art specially handpicked from Jew town in Kochi.

NERIYATHUM

The runner on the bed is an innovative use of the traditional garment called the Neriyathum worn by the womenfolk of Kerala. The handloom runner has a beautifully woven gold "kara" or border with a peacock motif. The peacock symbolises astounding beauty whilst also resplendently mirroring benovelence and integrity.

Design meets TRADITION

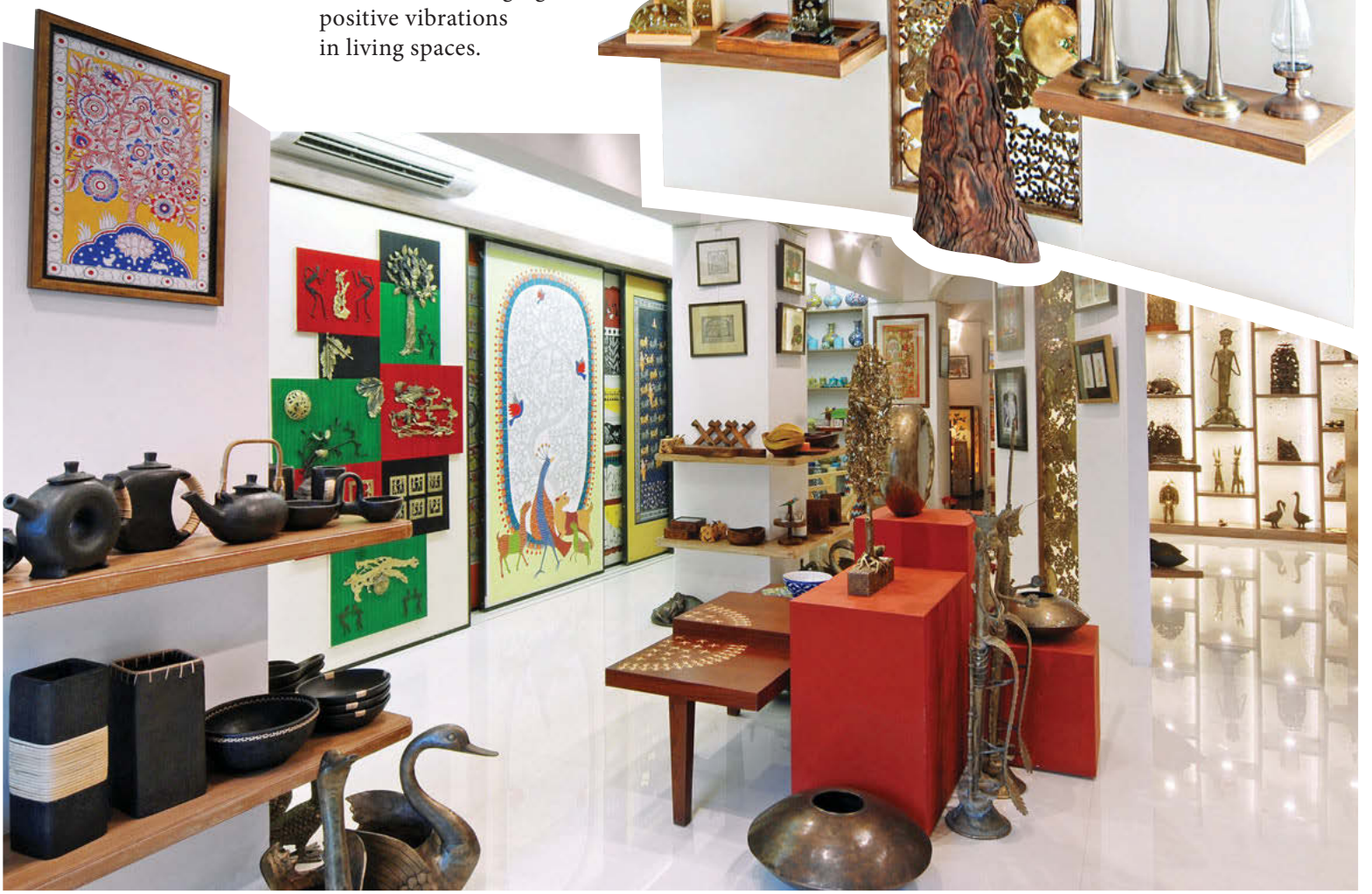
A perfect amalgamation of being a retail store and studio, Baaya, offers an unmatched range of folk and cultural art, home accessories and skill-based consultancy services.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian and Adrian Remedios | Images: Mahesh Reddy

THE REPUTE
Earlier known as Baaya Designs, now shortened to Baaya, is reputed as a design studio and store that blends the best of traditional skills with contemporary design. Having moved into a bigger, permanent space, and a recently improved logo, Baaya has a lot on offer.

Using design and artisan skills effectively, the brand has created a store that can stand with its head held as high as any international store in terms of quality, styling and range.

THINK POSITIVE
The theme of the store is inspired by the concept of 'Ayaadi', which means bringing positive vibrations in living spaces.



The brand hopes to ignite the imagination of anyone seeking to create something different and yet, intrinsic to our culture, be it at home or workspace.

Baaya also offers its services to interior design and architect firms, and helps bring in the most amazing artisan skills into their interiors.

ART FORM

Right from breathtaking art panels and artefacts done by renowned craftsmen like Jaidev Baghel, Baaya also has 'Shola's', a stunning brass Dokra art furniture range, created in collaboration with the talented Italian artist Shola Carletti and a playful range of tinted wood furniture from

NICHEER
ORARY INDIAN FURNITURE

Furnicheer, a reputed design firm. Every quarter, Baaya will hold temporary exhibitions, starting with ergonomically and beautifully designed furniture by Shrikant Nivasarkar and also folkloric, a folk art initiative in textiles.

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Celebrating LIFE

Energy, power, and the dynamic relationships between animal and man are some of the themes that animate Deepak Shinde's work.

Deepak Shinde

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian

Deepak Shinde's work is deeply rooted in his own experiences, through his journey of life. His paintings are a response to what he feels are an outcome of varying events.

The changing circumstances are depicted through a series of images reflecting the inherent constancy of the process of change. As an artist, Shinde believes there are three aspects to art: the emotional, the intellectual and the aesthetic. His instincts, experiences and thoughts act as evolutionary elements in the production of art that reveal itself to the world in a blaze of colours, making his paintings a celebration of hues – not in the thoughtlessly liberal sense but, rather, a celebration of the spirit within. Simple and spontaneous, his work has a distinctly rustic feel. The two way movement in his work between the abstraction and the figuration adds a celebratory dynamism and physicality to his canvases. His animal figures - fish, monkeys, tigers, elephants, bulls, deer, fox, chameleons, parrots with their gestures and movements and in their abstraction indicate a mythic representation of life processes. His canvases are temptingly pleasing, bathed as they are in a certain philosophical and primordial light.

Based on the testimony of Shinde's paintings, human beings are driven principally by their passions; they become play things rather than the masters of their desires, with reason mulling over in excess the morning after. And what they accumulate, as they negotiate the treacherous currents of worldly experience, is a wry wisdom rather than a balance of happiness.

Deepak Shinde
104, Indraprastha IV, Raheja Township
Malad (East), Mumbai.

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Open House

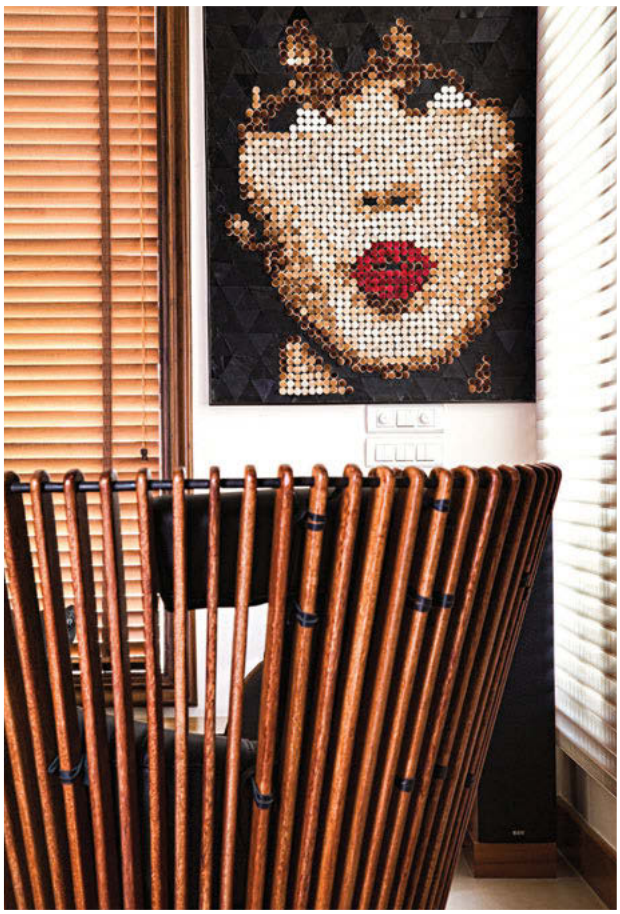
Simple lines, thoughtfully curated accents and the right furniture define the design elements of Aditya Gupta's plush New Delhi home.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh | Images: Ankush Maria

Owner's **PRIDE**

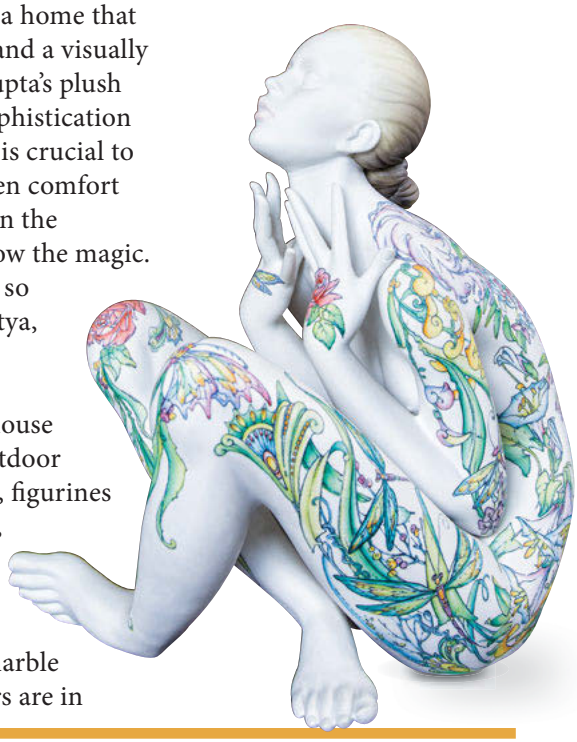
The Owners: A family of four, Aditya, wife Kalpana, their son and daughter
The Home: His home occupies a built-up area of 15,000 sq ft and features a stunning garden.
Location: Panchsheel Park, New Delhi
Rooms: Living room, dining room, seven bedrooms, kitchen and a pantry
Décor: A perfect blend of classic, contemporary and modern

We Like



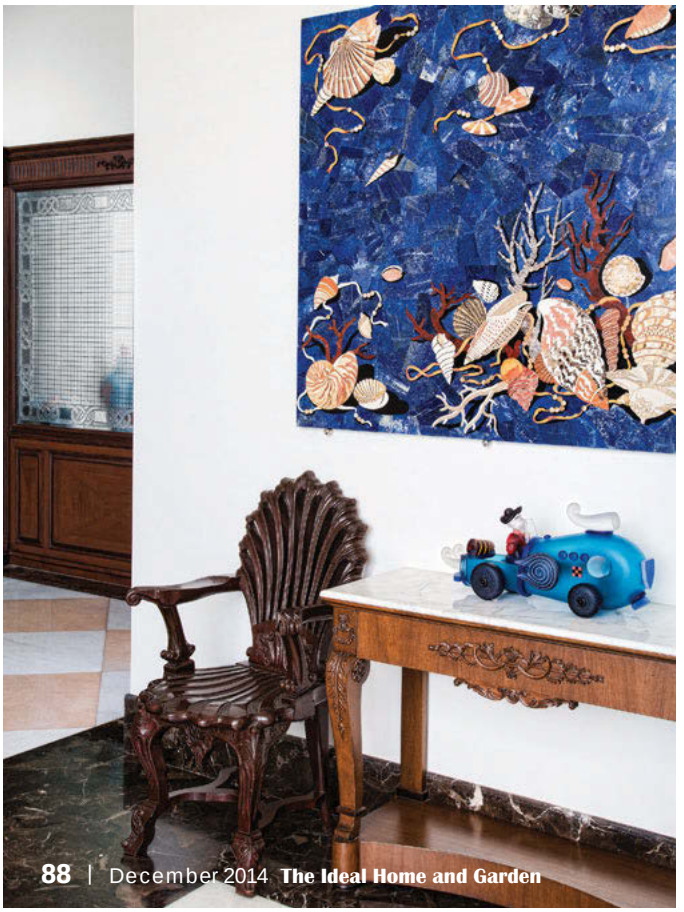
The best you can expect after a long and tiring day is a home that radiates a cosy ambience and a visually pleasing décor. Aditya Gupta's plush home in south Delhi is sophistication married with comfort. "It is crucial to maintain a balance between comfort and statement and being in the furniture business, we know the magic. We do up people's homes, so why not ours," laughs Aditya, founder of The Furniture Republic.

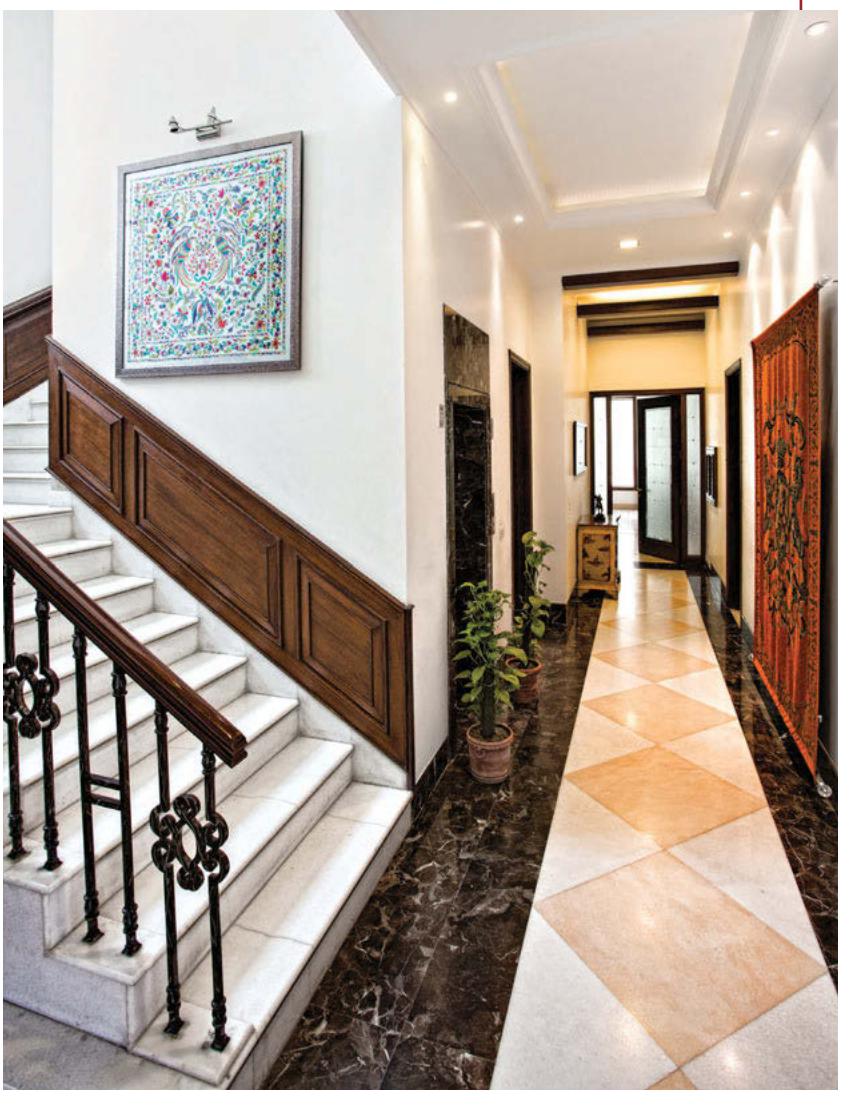
Spread 800 sq yards, the house features great ideas for outdoor spaces - huge green lawns, figurines and sculptures, brassware, pot planters and a variety of flowers. "The outdoors are done in a way such that the white marble used for flooring and stairs are in



conversation with the greens all around," shares Aditya.
We entered the house only to the more unfolding of stories. With geometrical flooring pattern and a larger than life painting on the wall, the foyer took us to the living and dining area on the left. From modern and subtle to traditional and cozy, the living room is the heart of the house with a no-fuss mantra. "I wanted it simple and clean-lined, inviting a bit of glamour and loads of comfort," says Aditya.

The huge floor to ceiling windows on the three sides are just perfect to highlight interior details. For a more sophisticated look, the family decided to go with white marbles, mop inlay work, Burma teak wood windows and extra high ceilings. 'The décor pieces in the entire house are unique in one or the other way.' The large antique wooden set in the living area is from Gujarat. The table is made of railway sleeper wood and the top is toughened glass with steel frame. The other coffee table is sourced from Murano, Italy. *TIHG* loved the porcelain girl with body tattoos from Germany.

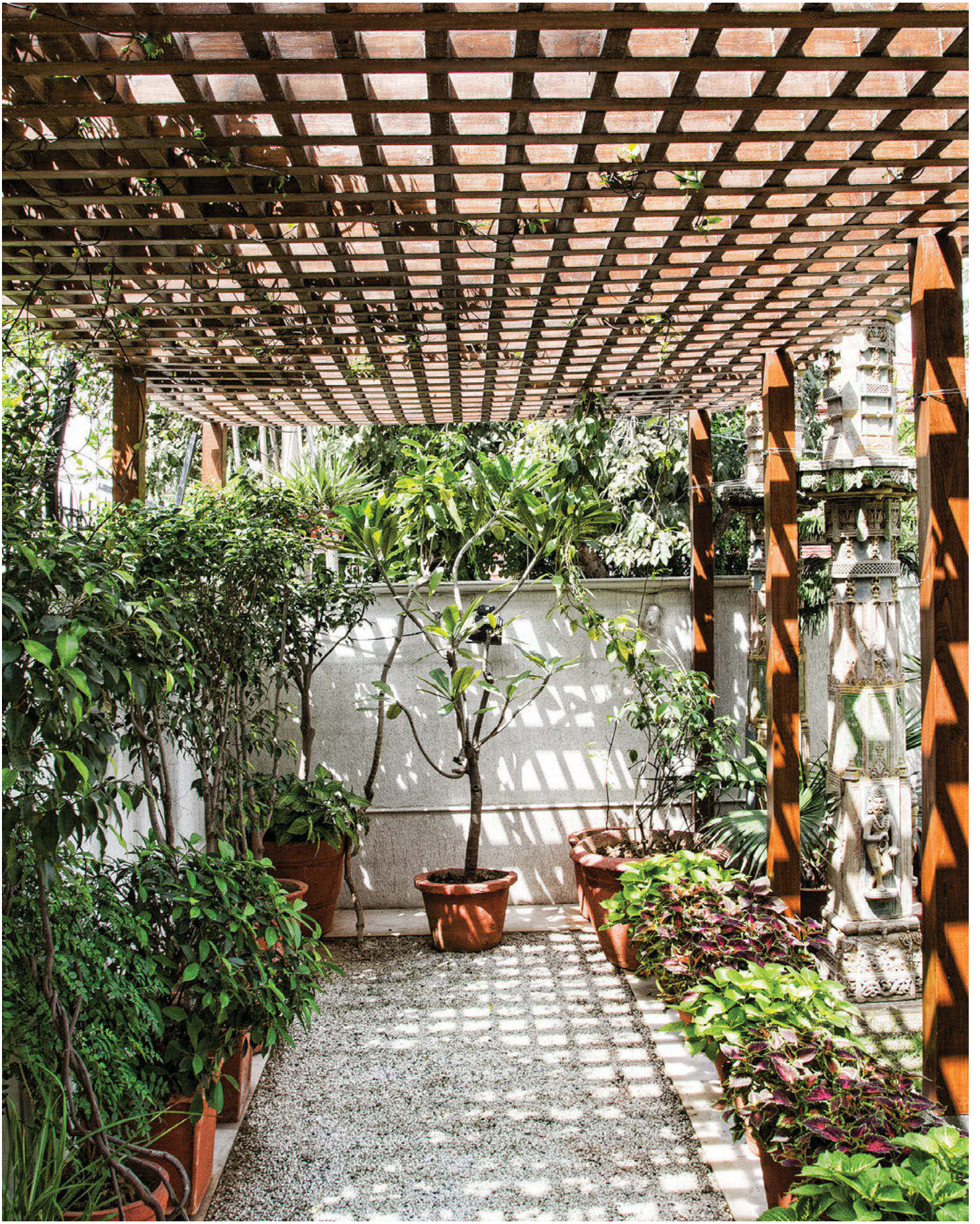




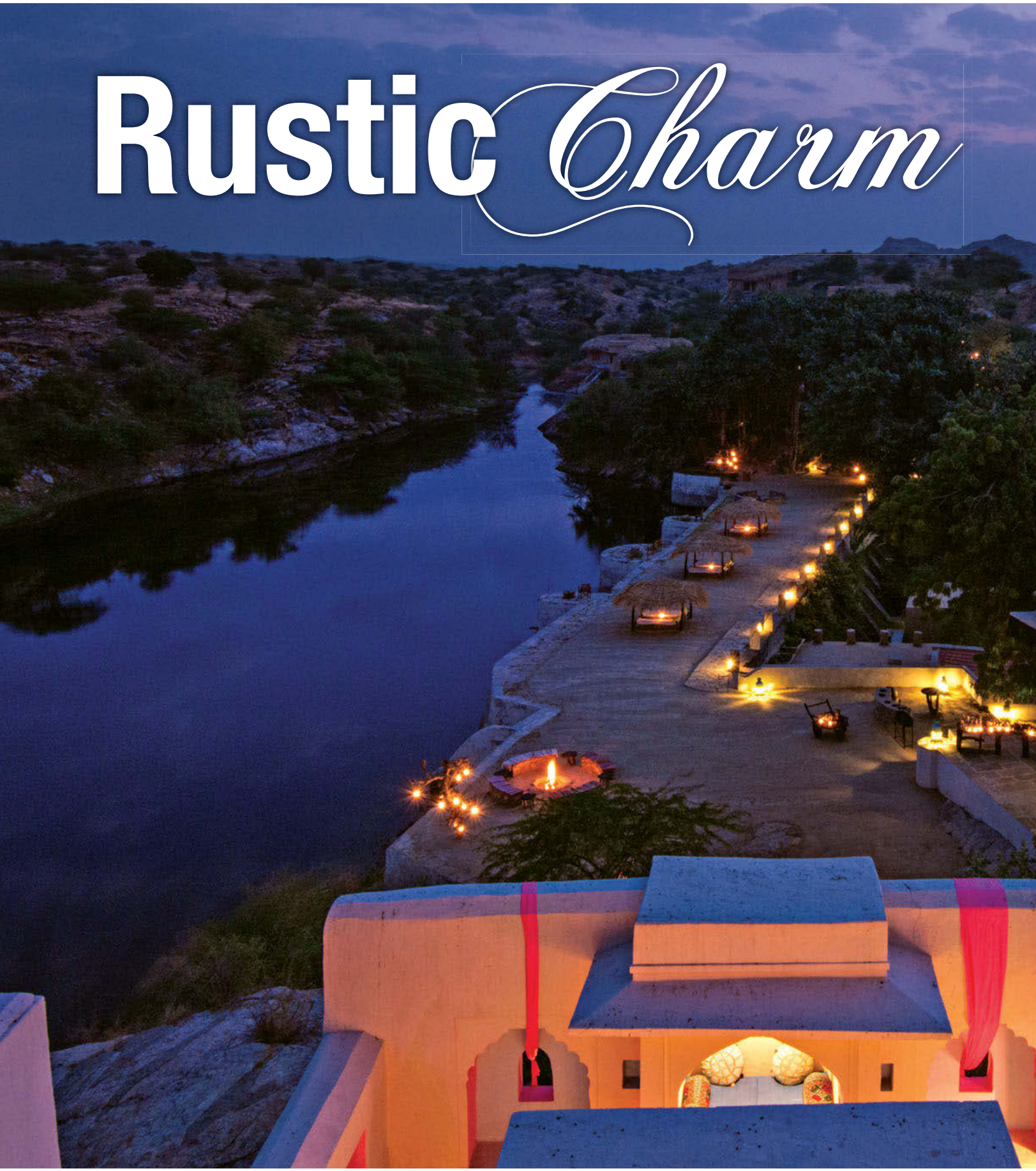
Not to mention, all the furniture are from The Furniture Republic. The basement of the house is used as an entertainment area complete with a snooker, table tennis, party area and a verandah all around. To avoid the typical basement look, Aditya decided to have large windows, potted plants and a water fountain. The furniture is sourced from Australia. The statement pieces are from Murano, Italy while the Italian leather chairs are hand painted by an artist in India. The wooden clocks are from Portugal. "For a personal

touch, I have added a large poster photograph of a giraffe which I clicked in Masai Mara, Kenya," says Aditya. Step in the second floor and there is an expansive terrace. The place features the greenery in and around Hauz Khas. With two guest bedrooms and a gym, the floor is perfect for a barbecue evening.

"Contemporary furniture and architecture, some classical wood work and floor inlay, antiques as decorative accessories along with a few ultra modern accessories sourced from different corners of the world. Lots of family pictures and books! This is our home," concludes Aditya.

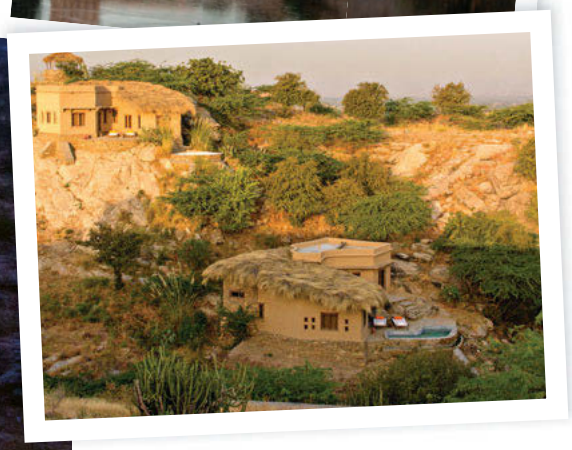


Rustic *Charm*



A 19th century hunting lodge, Lakshman Sagar encapsulates centuries of history and age-old Marwar tradition. Built to host visiting noble families of Rajasthan and British emissaries for their hunting escapades, the lodge emanates stories of the bygone eras.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian | Images: Prachi Damle



A BRIEF

Lakshman Sagar was originally a royal 19th century hunting lodge, owned by the then Thakur of Raipur. A fascinating destination, where the Mardana (men's) tower has been converted into a breezy white and blue dining space, with a kitchen below it. Where a

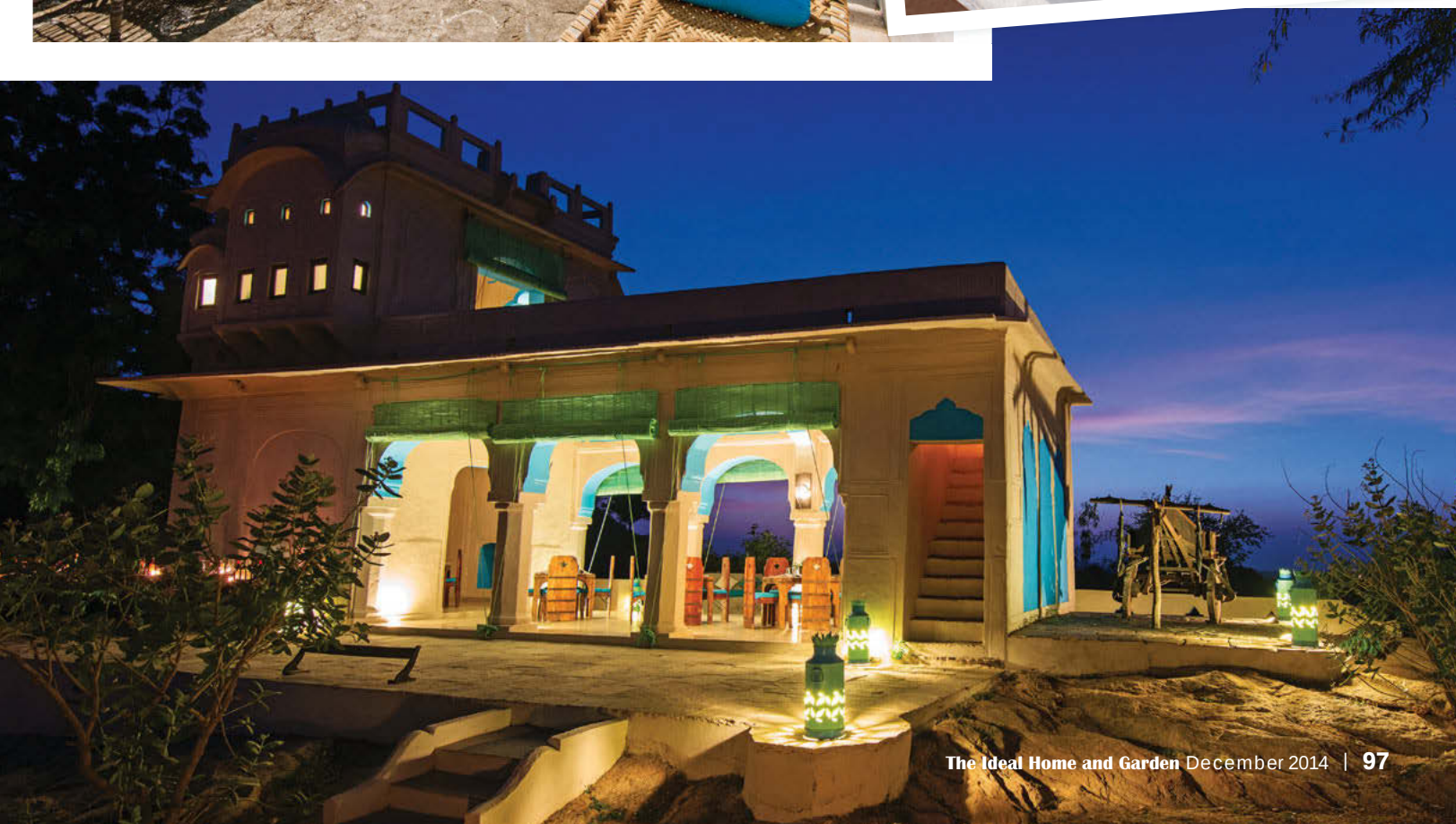
swimming pool has been cut into the rock plateau behind the Zanana (women's) tower. Day beds, sheltered by thatching of dry vegetation, line one side of the lake. And, where 12 mud and stone cottages are spread out over the 32 acres of pristine landscape.

ACCOMMODATION

The 12 cottages are no less stunning than the rest of the property. They're spacious (around 900 square feet each), and have independent bedrooms, living rooms with fireplaces, private plunge pools overlooking the lake, and stone bathrooms with rain showers.

Striking bright pink curtains, reminiscent of the local garb, flowing from the windows of the Zanana creates a picture perfect impression.

The interiors are brightly decorated with local influences, creating an experience of the nuances of village life. From a large wind chime, installation of brass vessels like *lotas*, *belans* (rolling pins) and *mathinis* (butter churners) to a *jalaebi patal* as a

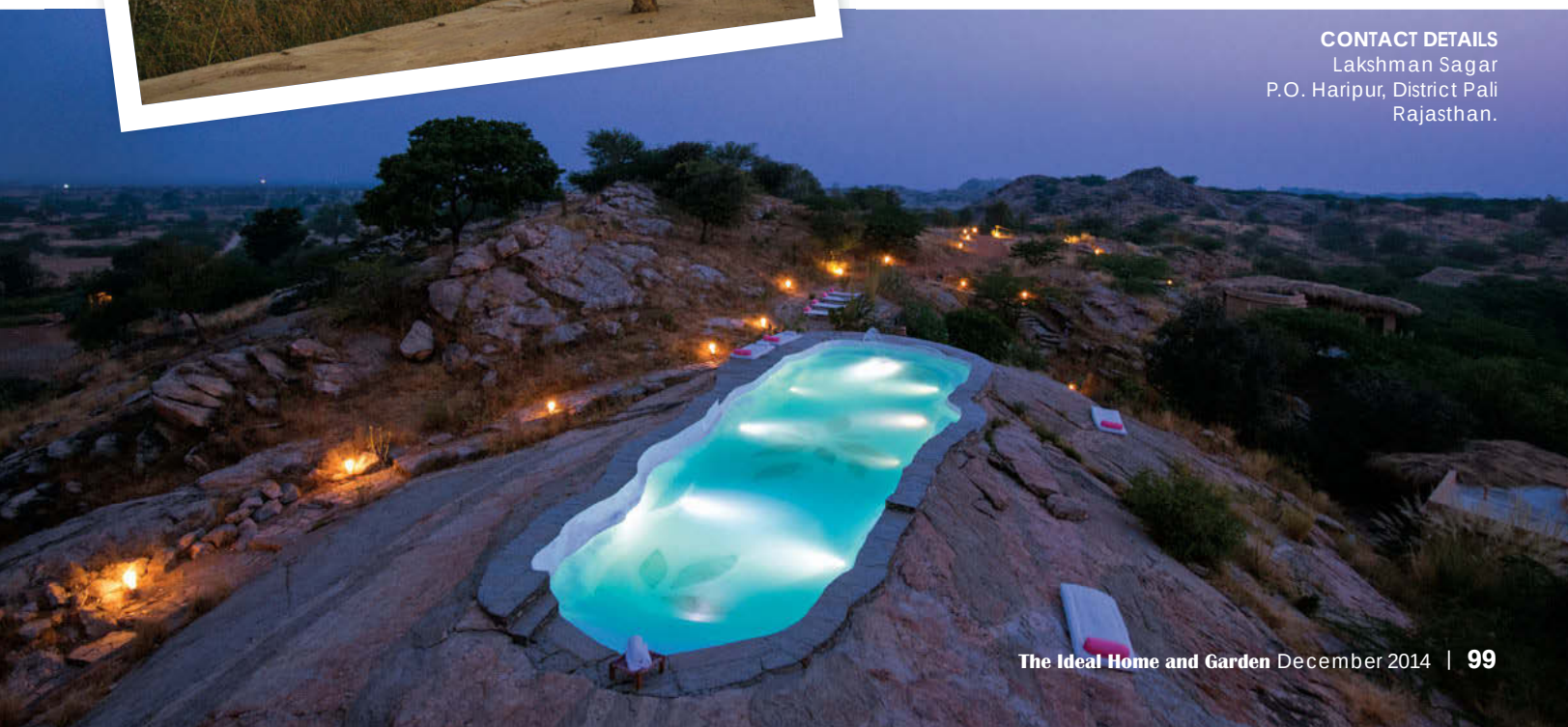


Lakshman Sagar reflects sustainable living and local culture in all its nooks and corners.

keyholder and below it a shoe cleaner from mini brooms, the interiors completely reflect the local culture.

FOOD AND DINING

The food at Lakshman Sagar is a delightful surprise. It's pure North India treat - and lots of it. Meals are pre-set. Breakfast is simple, but perfect: potato-stuffed parathas (flat bread) with homemade yoghurt and spicy pickles; eggs cooked to order; fruit salad and fresh-pressed sweet lime juice. Make sure you join in the field breakfast, set in front of a local farmer's hut and watch the women make wheat *bhakri* over an earthen oven. Meals are served inside the open-air Mardana, overlooking the lake or sometimes in the pretty little Zanana dining rooms (on special requests), or privately if you prefer.



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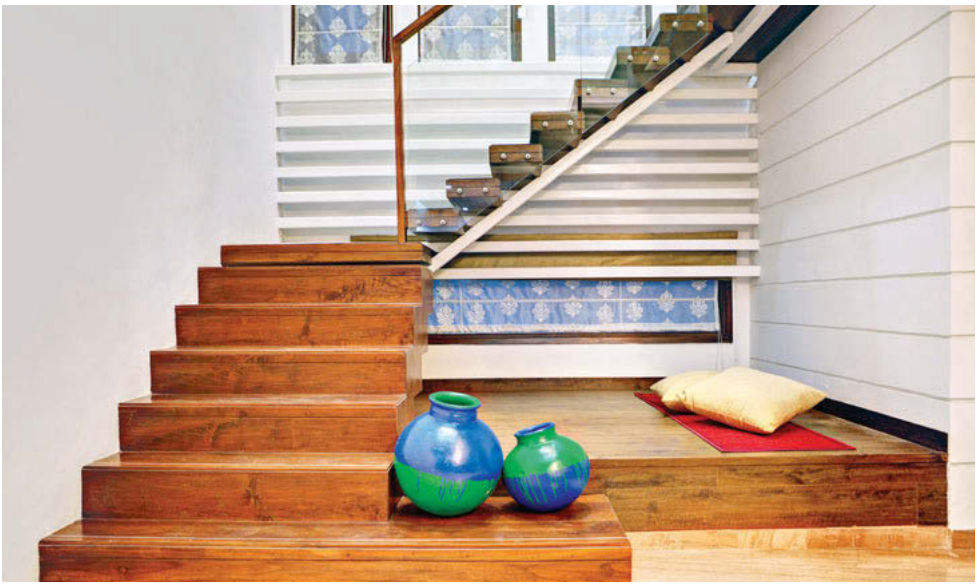
PLUSH Factor

The Plus House, located in Panipat, Haryana, is an amalgamation of luxury and style.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh
Images: Saptorshi Majumdar

FACT FILE

Name of the Project: The Plus House
Location: Panipat, Haryana
Client: Payal & Vinod Juneja
Built-up Area: 3,650 sq ft
Number of towers: One
Design Team: Studio An-V-Thot Architects Pvt. Ltd.



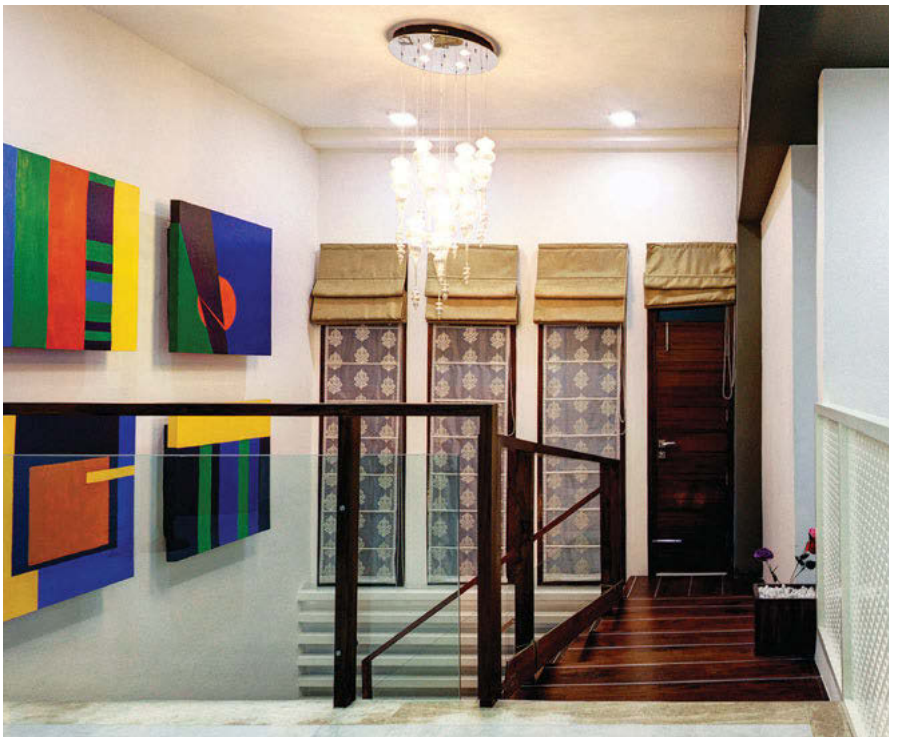
Located in Panipat, Haryana and spread across an area of 3,650 sq ft, the Plus House owned by Payal and Vinod Juneja is a good mix of the modern as well as the traditional aspect of design.

Architects Ankita Sweety and Pratyoosh Chandan perceived the house as a creation of rectangles within a square, which clearly took them to benefiting proportions during the planning. This was the answer to a rather questionable site which sat on an almost square plot of 55' x 58', thus generating a challenge as well as curiosity to achieve depth and sight," says Pratyoosh.

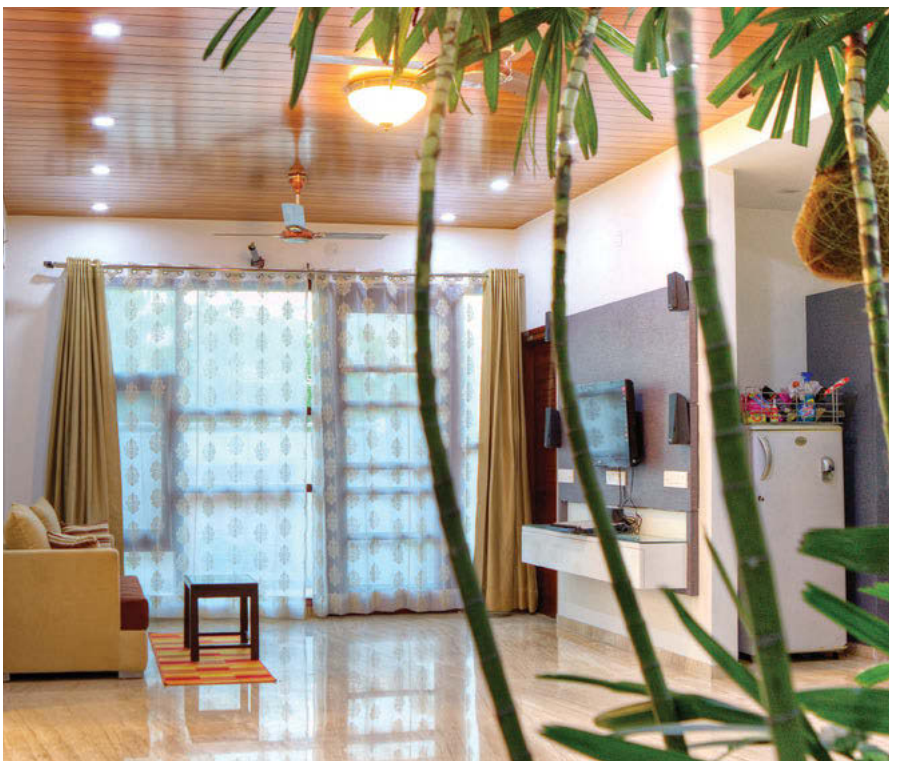
The facade of the house has a complete 25' high structure which can be seen as volumes and voids sharing spaces, overlapping and inter changing their behavior as well as presence. The vertical edge of the corner is sliced open in a tapered hugging manner with MS pergola on the roof level adding the play of shadows and light. The architects have used MS Jali at eminent places for a complete traditional Indian effect. The use of textured orange paint balances its harmony through the cladding of Dholpur stone on to the left tower. The house caters to a family of four that revolves around and about a dense green focal point. "The impact of this created courtyard can be felt from the entrance as well as the private areas of the house," says Pratyoosh. Sweety adds that "the 'Plus' is

actually the two axes which has generated four rectangles within a square that goes from one end to the other." The design leads to a comfortable flow of air and light throughout the house.

The courtyard features a sunken pebble bed which comes with a glass top and acts as a centrestage for the house. Italian stone 'Diana' has been used majorly for flooring. "We have also used wooden flooring at few places to add warmth. Also, the addition of many sit out zones within the house was planned and placed to add stories," shares Sweety. The use of Jali as a partitions have been matched with the furniture's design. The ceiling of the lobby leads to the court and is finished with veneer backed by commercial board. The architects have addwed colours in different areas of the house to add life. The puja room is done in black onyx, the kitchen features a beautiful sea green lacquered glass while a wallpaper adorns the dining wall.



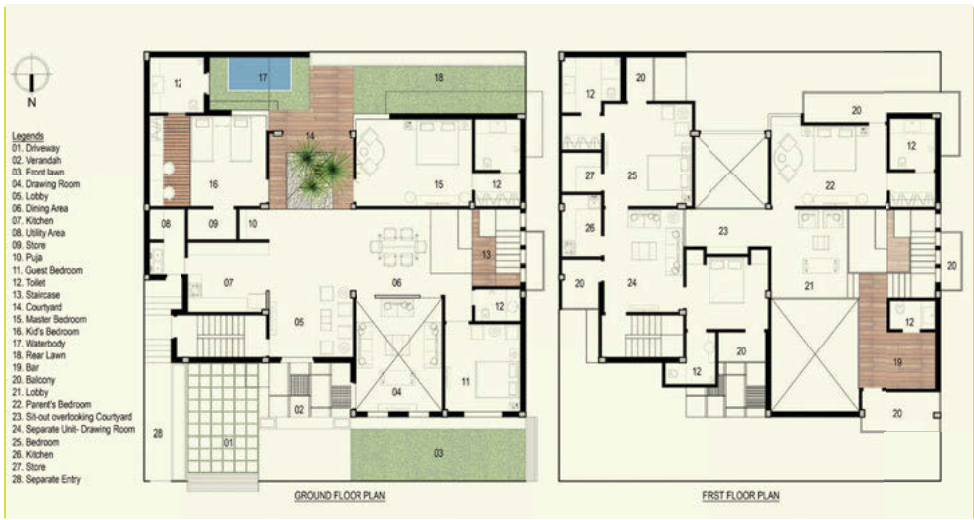
"Traditional inserts can be seen in the rear door leading to the backyard which overlooks the coffee corner through the double height ceiling," explains Pratyoosh. The backyard hosts a small shower pool adjoining the garden. A small bar sits as a vertical extension to the drawing room at the mezzanine level with a small pantry, a washroom and a private balcony. The entire area is backlit by onyx stone, white PU pigment paint and dark veneer. The dark green upholstery fabric of furniture brings youthfulness. "The master bedroom and the children's



bedroom are designed to evolve as two characters with former being warm and the latter being young," shares the architects.

The master bedroom has a play of browns and off-whites with the use of Victorian wallpaper and neo-victorian wall lights as well as a chandelier. The study area in the kid's room has a glossy pigment paint which is enhanced with pastel green laminate adding to the blue and white pin board. The same colour

pattern is repeated on the rugs and curtains. Many hanging lights and custom-made ceiling lights have been used throughout the house to provide glamour and warmth. Altogether, it's a house with spaces of varying identities yet similar character.



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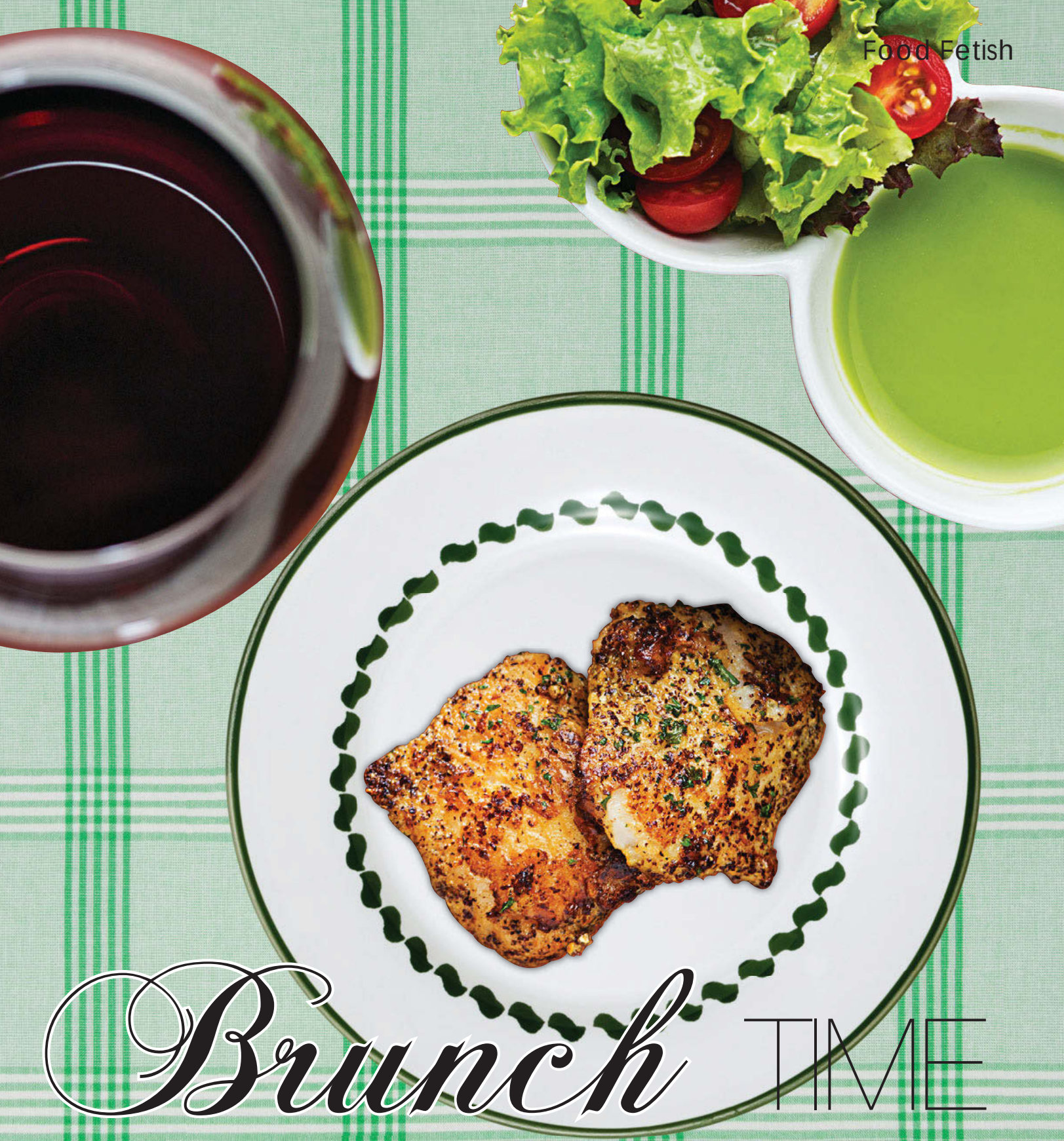


Brunch TIME

Cool recipes to try while you lounge around the pool and catch up on some goss!

Impressions: Ruhi Singh | Images: Ankush Maria | Styling: Pooja Dev Sharma
Location: Smokeys BBQ and Grill, Masjid Moth, Greater Kailash, Part 2, New Delhi
Production: Chef Yograj Chauhan

BEETROOT AND OAK ASH CHEVRE'

YOU NEED

200 gms beetroot
50 ml balsamic vinegar
30 ml raspberry vinegar
(Reduce it over medium flame until it turns thick)
20 gms garlic (finely chopped)
120 gms lettuce (mixed variety)
100 ml passion fruit puree
15 ml olive oil
30 gms French bread
20 gms chevre cheese

METHOD

- Roast the beetroot in the oven for about 3 to 4 hours and cut it into big chunks.
- Marinate them overnight in balsamic vinegar.
- Add garlic and cheese to make a thick paste.
- Spread it on thin slices of french bread.
- Take all the lettuce in a bowl.
- Season with salt and pepper.
- Add passion fruit purée, raspberry vinegar and olive oil.
- Place the salad on a chilled plate with the marinated beetroot and French bread.

SPICY CHICKEN HOT DOG

YOU NEED

120 gms chicken breast
30 gms reshampati chilies
30 gms garlic, 30 gms onion
30 gms cheddar cheese
20 gms spread cheese
10 ml olive oil
1 hot dog bun
3 gms parsley
30 gms lemon
3 gms chilli flakes

METHOD

For the stuffing:

- Cut small chunks of chicken breast. Take medium sized pan, put olive oil, onion and garlic.
- Add chicken, parsley, salt, pepper, lemon juice, chilli flakes, and reshampatti chilli paste. Sauté for about 5 to 7 minutes.
- Cut the hot dog bread through the middle and apply butter.. Bake in an open OTG.
- Make sure the bread gets a little crisp on the inside.
- Put the chicken mixture from the pan, add some cheddar cheese on the top and bake in the oven till the cheese melts.
- At the finishing stage add some cheese spread.

PEELI MIRCH RISOTTO

YOU NEED

150 gms risotto
30 gms river sole fish
10 gms kalamari fish
40 gms prawns
3-5 gms peeli mirch powder
20-30 gms Smokeys Style yellow pepper purée (smoke yellow pepper and peel the skin, then make a puree out of it)
30 ml white wine
10 gms onion
5 gms garlic
15 ml extra virgin olive oil
100 ml fish stock

METHOD

- Cook the risotto in onion and garlic for about 25 to 30 minutes in boiling water.
- In a large sauté pan, heat oil over medium heat. Add onions, salt and pepper.
- Saute until the onions are slightly soft. Add fish stock and garlic. Bring the mixture to a boil and reduce the heat to medium.
- Simmer for about six minutes. Add risotto and let it simmer for 12 minutes, stir constantly.
- Clean, trim and dice the seafood. Add salt, pepper and Smokey's style yellow pepper purée.
- Add seafood in the risotto pan and continue to cook for six minutes.
- Add butter, cream, cheese, and white wine.
- Simmer for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Take it off the heat.
- Place the risotto in the centre of each shallow bowl.
- Garnish with grated grana padanocheese.

JOHN DORY WITH SMOKED SHIMLA CHILLI

YOU NEED

200 gms John dory Fish
80 gms Bhavnagri Chilies
30 gms cream
4 gms dill
5 ml olive oil
5 gms salt
5 gms pepper
30 gms lemon
3 gms parsley
20 gms sundried tomato
80 gms risotto (80 percent cooked)
30 gms plum tomato
10 gms grana cheese
20 gms onion (chopped)
20 gms garlic
1 side salad (Iceberg and Romaine lettuce with vinaigrette dressing)
10 gms butter
5 ml white wine
30 gms spinach
20 gms garlic paste
3 gms chilli flakes
3 gms thyme

METHOD

- Marinate the john dory with lemon juice, salt and pepper.
- Put some butter in a pan and pan-sear john dory fish for about 5 to 7 minutes.
- Add thyme at the finishing stage.
- Add olive oil, onion, garlic, salt and pepper to another pan.
- Then add risotto, plum tomato and sun dried tomato at the finishing stage.
- Add some sunflower seeds and grana cheese.
- Add white wine and cook for about 3 to 5 minutes.
- Now, roast the bell peppers and make purée.
- Add cream, salt and pepper.
- Garnish it with parsley.
- Serve the tomato risotto, pan seared john dory with the bell pepper sauce.

LOUNGE IN *Style*

TIHG rounds up the best ways to enjoy your time in the sun this winter.

Impressions Ruhi Singh

Amata Daybed,
₹50,000 onwards,
World Bazaar

The Ideal Home and Garden suggests • The Ideal Home and Garden suggests

Relax on these maintenance free sun loungers.

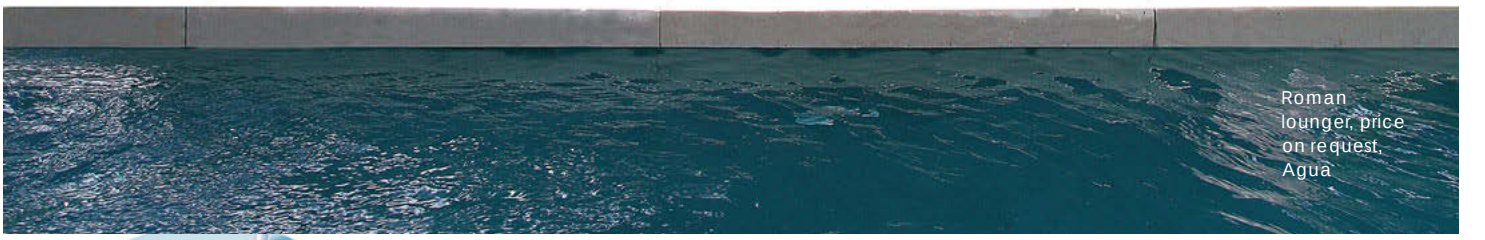
Roman recliner, price on request, Agua

Lounge, ₹75,000, Patios

Mermaid by Kenneth Cobonpue, price on request, IDUS

Lounger, price on request, Pallate

Verve range lounger from Loom Craft, price on request, Wicker World



Roman lounger, price on request, Agua

Lounger with umbrella, price on request, Agua

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Luxury loungers are ideal for lounging by the poolside.

Locsin lounger, ₹50,000 onwards, World Bazaar

Round lounge,
₹75,000, Patios

The Ideal Home and Garden suggests

Add an oomph to your outdoors with stylish designs and colourful cushions.

Loungers, price on request, Pallate

Hagia day bed,
₹2,15,000, IDUS

Chaise lounge from Caneline, ₹90,000 onwards, International Furniture Brands

Flower ART

No matter the occasion, flowers can create a magical ambience, almost anywhere. TIHG suggests ways to add cheer to your special gatherings with these blooming beauties.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh

Parul Gupta

Atul Pratap Chauhan

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A staple at Indian wedding and traditional dos, the marigold is one of the most beautiful flowers to work with. The colour of this flower is complemented with fuchsia, burnt orange, lime green, purple, all-white and gold fabric. Marigold decor when paired with brassware and floral candles can create magic.

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3. Parul Gupta
4. Bougainvilla Designs
5. Bougainvilla Designs
6. The Flagship Store by Ferns N Petals
7. Atul Pratap Chauhan

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A beautiful centrepiece works best for a homely do, as against going overboard. Perfect for a day gathering, silver vases full of colourd flowers will work beautifully for a winter garden party. Take the party indoors with galvanised tin buckets filled with peonies and carnations.

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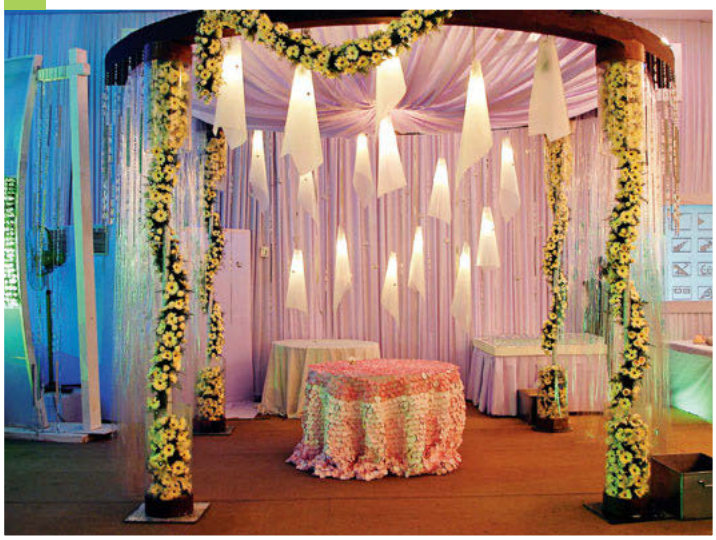

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White blooms work best when it comes to putting together a gorgeous evening do. Go overboard with the number of blooms. Set against lush leaves, this makes for a look that is sophisticated and oh-so sexy.

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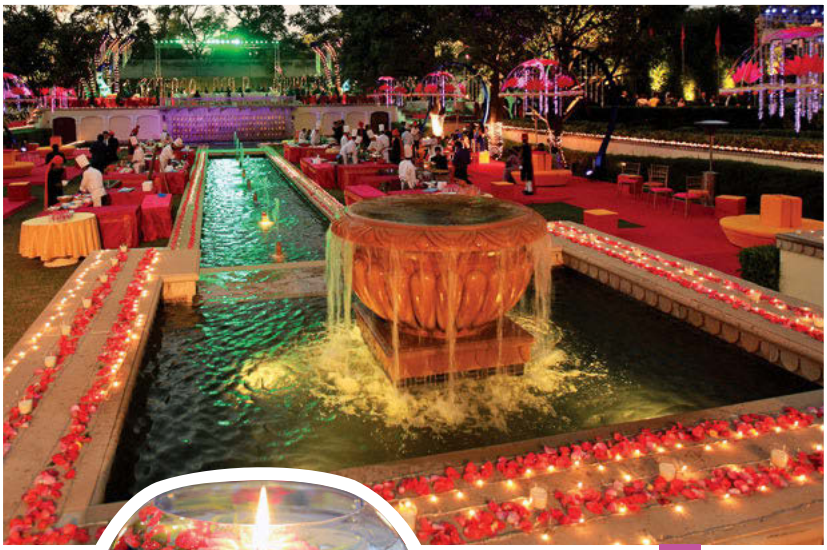

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Fresh and energetic, the classic rose works beautifully for all occasions. All you need is to gather these gorgeous blossoms into arrangements that shine in their simplicity. You don't need dozens of roses to make for a spectacular appeal. Less is more here.

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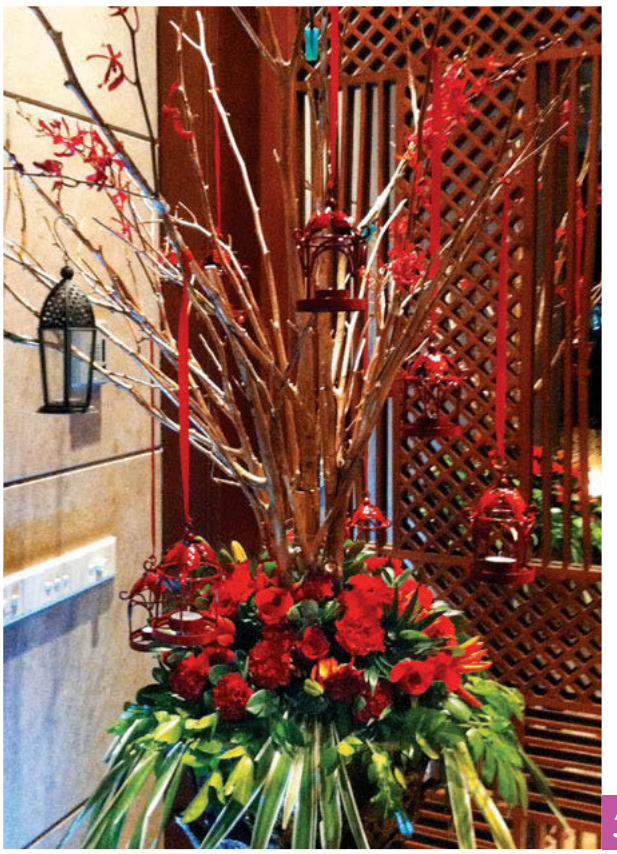

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The Grand Show

ET Acetech, the world's third and Asia's largest exhibition on architecture, construction, design and building materials is a class apart platform for consumers and exhibitors alike.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian

The world's third and Asia's largest exhibition on architecture, construction, design and building materials - ET ACETECH, was held from November 6th to November 9th 2014 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai. Conceptualised and executed by ABEC Exhibitions & Conferences Private Limited, ET ACETECH was a class-apart platform and an effort designed to drive the building industry by bridging the consumer-supplier gap.

Eminent dignitaries from various fields graced the occasion during the opening ceremony. A few prominent names that were present - Niranjan Hiranandani of Hiranandani Group, Ashish Raheja of Raheja Universal, Ar. Hafeez Contractor of Architect Hafeez Contractor, Ar. Chris Bubb from Fosters+Partner, Ar. Arunjot Singh Bhalla of RSP Design, Kamal Khetan of Sunteck Realty, Suzanne Khan of Charcoal Project, Parag Munot from Kalpataru, V. Srinivasan of CRISIL, claudio bellini Ar. Claudio Bellini from Claudio Bellini Studio and Kaiwan Mehta of Domus India.

The grand show was staged around a vast expanse of two million square feet area. There were more than 1,625 exhibitors from across India. An unprecedented

large number of entries were accepted by ABEC FOR ET ACETECH. After an internal scrutiny by ABEC along with its official tabulators Ernst & Young, 50 top brands were shortlisted to display their innovative products, services and technologies before the esteemed jury panel comprising of more than 100 renowned architects, designers and builders from across the country. Just to give you an insight who were in charge of the panel - Anita Arjundas, Niranjan Hiranandani, Ashish Raheja, Bindu Oberoi, Sandeep Runwal, Manju Yagnik, Ar. Yatin Patel, Ar. Zarir Mullan, Ar. Seema Puri Mullan, Ar. Sonmoy Chatterjee, Ar.Kalhan Mattoo, Ar. Vivek Bhole and Ar. Sonali Bhagwati.

After a lot of deliberation and brainstorming, 21 products were declared winners. The 21 winning products were then displayed on the splendid 'Video Wall' at the venue on November 6. There were three top winners. The Gold Winner was ThyssenKrupp Elevator (India) Pvt Ltd, the Silver accolade was won by Inpod and the Bronze prize was given to Rocland Pvt. Ltd.

With the huge success of its Mumbai exhibition, The Economic Times ACETECH 2014 has taken the tradeshow industry a notch higher. At the ET ACETECH Mumbai, finest national and international brands interacted and conducted business with eminent architects, real estate developers, hoteliers, equity investors in infrastructure, builders, engineers and designers, from across the globe. Buyers, clients and suppliers assembled at the show and shared their ideas from a wide variety of options available for their respective businesses. ET ACETECH will next be hosted in Bengaluru from 28th-30th November 2014 at BIEC followed by Delhi, Kolkata and Ahmedabad. ACETECH is also all set to host Design Wall's 7th edition on 12th December 2014 at The Leela, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

To provide its trade show a truly holistic approach, ET ACETECH has left no stone unturned. The future shows will further fascinate, motivate and encourage personnel of architecture, construction and the design industry.

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DESTINATION PARIS

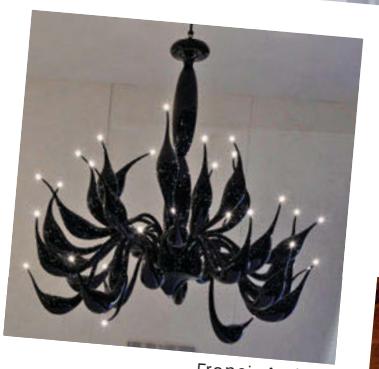
The Paris chapter of Maison & Objet 2015 will have leading names from the interior world showcase their latest collection.

The stage is set. It's once again time for the biggest décor show of them all. Synonymous with being the hotspot to showcase the latest in home décor designs and trends for the last 20 years, the world's leading trade show - the Maison & Objet Paris is scheduled to be held between January 23-27, 2015. The show which goes a long way in determining the décor trends for the year ahead, is a delightful platform for consumers and traders alike.

Inspired by the theme of 'Sharing', Maison De Objet 2015 will offer trends in decoration, furniture, accessories, textiles, fragrances, the world of children, tableware, the trendy and creative show is an ideal platform to discover new concepts and innovations.

We are looking forward to designs from renowed interior labels such as Fendi, DAUM, JNL, Meissen Home, Ralph Lauren Home, Sieger, Antonio Lupi, Bernardaud.

Fillioux & Fillioux - Mathieu Lustrerie



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Night of Glory

23RD ANNUAL ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

After the phenomenal success of the 22nd Architect of the Year Awards held in Chennai last year, J.K. Cement Ltd hosted the much awaited 23rd edition of the Annual Architect of the Year Award in Lucknow.

Ram Naik, Hon'ble Governor, Uttar Pradesh graced the occasion as the chief guest. The 11 recipients were selected out of the 200 entries through careful examination and scrutiny of projects by an esteemed jury after intense debates and deliberations. The jury was chaired by Yadupati Singhania, Managing Director, J.K. Cement Ltd. The other jury members included senior professionals from the Indian architect community.

Architect of the year Awards were given in different categories like Green Architecture Award (GAA), Indian Architecture Award (IAA) – (Private Residence, Public Building, Group Housing and Restoration Conservation Rehabilitation), Indian State Architecture Award (ISAA) and Focus Countries Architecture Award (FCAA). The revolving category for 23rd AYA was 'Restoration, Conservation & Rehabilitation.' The Great Masters Award / Chairman Award for lifetime / outstanding contribution to architecture, which is given once in three years, was presented this year to Shiv Dutt Sharma from Chandigarh. The Green Architecture award was given to Sanjay M. Patil from Nashik, for his project YCMOU Library and Multimedia Centre, Nashik. The Indian Architecture Award was bagged by Sanjay Mohe, Bangalore for his project Rohan Mithila, Pune among many other awards.

HAVEN OF *Luxury*

Plush interiors and luxurious treatments come together at the Spa la Vie by L'Occitane to help you relax your senses completely.

Impressions: Adrian Remedios Images: Prachi Damle

Spa la Vie by L'Occitane is a wellness sanctuary spread across an area of 8,000 sq.ft, designed to escape the humdrum of the city that is Mumbai. While the treatments are tailormade for you, the spa also has a 20 ft. green wall, open spaces, generous natural light, water ensconced lounge, a private spa courtyard and a retail area for product display.

STEP IN

The spa houses seven treatment rooms, including three single treatment rooms, two VIP couple suites, one Ayurveda room, one heated stone hammam and the vichy shower

room. Each of the rooms have a name assigned, which represents the ingredients used in the signature treatments. The rooms, named Shea, Angelica, Almond, Verdon, Hammam, Tulsi and Immortelle are assigned based on the treatment you pick.

OPULENT INDULGENCE

The journey, as they call it, begins with a warm welcome and an introduction to the spa followed by a tour of the space. Freshly sterilised slippers are provided the moment you enter and is followed by the signature tea served hot to detoxify your body and boost your immune system.

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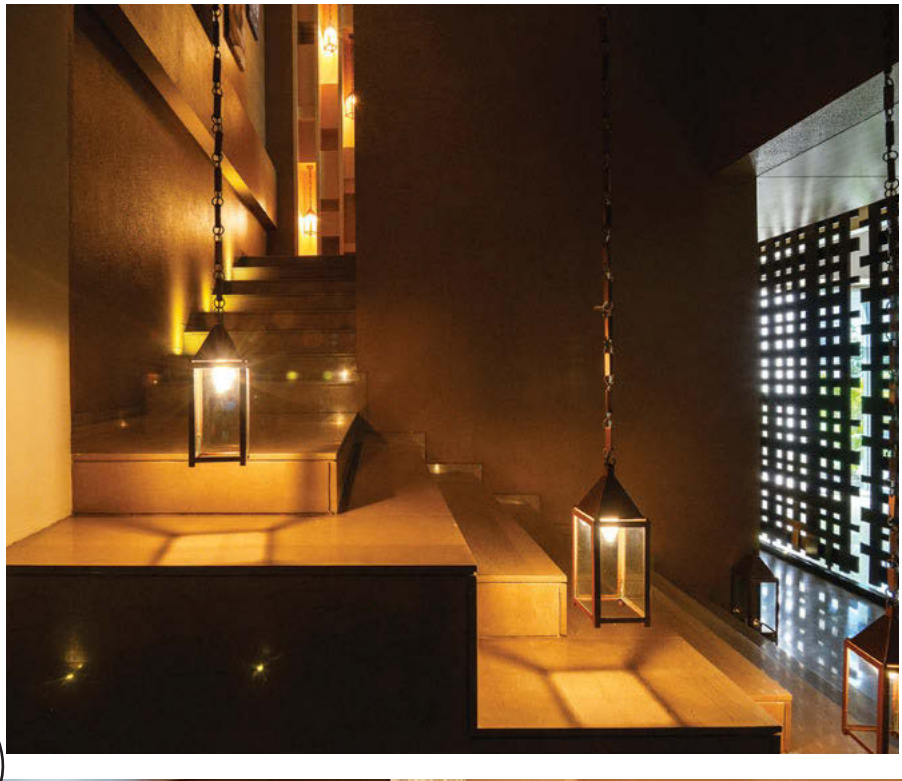

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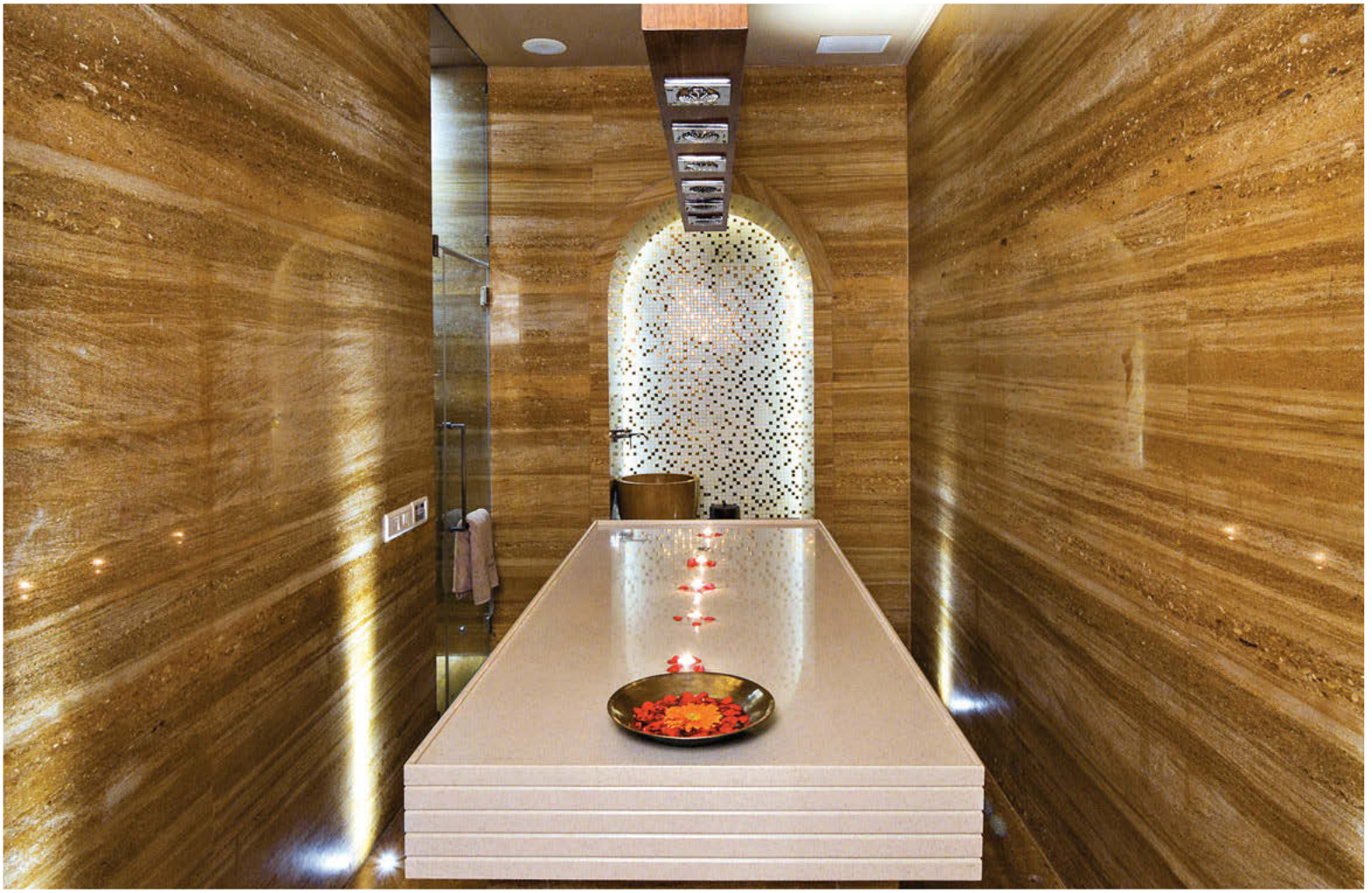

Chinese acupressure and the Balinese massage. These techniques come together to stimulate circulation and ease tensions while essential oils of lavender, tea tree and geranium ensure complete relaxation.

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